

hasten into the midst of that awful contest which is laying waste Europe? It cannot be concealed, that to engage, in the present war, against England, is to place ourselves on the side of France; and exposes us to the vassalage of states serving under the banners of the French Emperor.

The undersigned cannot refrain from asking, what are the United States to gain by a war? Will the gratification of some privateersmen compensate the nation for that sweep of our legitimate commerce by the extended marine of our enemy, which this desperate act invites? Will Canada compensate the middle states for New-York, or the western states for New-Orleans? Let us not be deceived. A war of invasion may invite a retort of invasion. When we visit the peaceable, and, as to us, innocent colonies of Great Britain with the horrors of war, can we be assured that our own coast will not be visited with like horrors?

At a crisis of the world such as the present, and under impressions such as these, the undersigned could not consider the war, in which the United States have in secret been precipitated, as necessary, or required by any moral duty, or any political expediency.

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