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Afterwards, on the 17th of March, a limited non-importation resolution was brought in by the same party, and carried on a division of 87 to 35, in the House of Representatives; but from the latest accounts there is reason to believe that it was rejected by the Upper House or Senate.

The opposition, headed by Mr. Randolph, had defeated, in former instances the violent proposals of the government party, or rather of the French faction, by which the government party itself was pushed on to violent measures. Yet the government, and even the French faction, did not venture to propose immediate war.—When therefore we are instructed by this able and interesting speech, in the principles and views of the American opposition; and perceive that a war with this country would be most powerfully opposed, even in a case of strong and acknowledged provocation, it seems absolutely impossible to apprehend that the Congress would resort to that extremity, or to such offensive measures as must inevitably lead to war, rather than admit of a deliberate, or even a tedious discussion.

I wish the patience of the neutralizing agents in this country, who, under the specious name of British American merchants, may be secretly importuning government for a decision favourable to their private views, could be as surely relied upon. It is not only in America, I fear, that “the spirit of avaricious traffic,” to use the words of Mr. Randolph, is opposed to the national welfare.