

patriot to make such a scheme (if it can be) feasible and practicable."*

If the State of Europe, by its circumstances and modes of business, by the spirit of its politicks, by the temper and understanding of its Sovereigns, is not yet prepared and ripe for any such general system and establishment of **UNIVERSAL COMMERCE**, under the **MARE LIBERUM**, the **JUS NAVIGANDI**, and the **LIBERTAS UNIVERSALIS COMMERCIORUM**: The business of this Council will turn on the making of such alterations, accommodations, and reform in the old system, as may suit and follow the changes of it. They will, therefore, deliberate first, on the nature and extent of the conditional grants of privileges of trade, which, under the air of protection, they shall offer to America: Under this idea they must settle with Her and amongst each other quite new arrangements of tariffs. As they shall advance in multiplication of difficulties, and by degrees to a conviction of the impracticability of this line of measures; they

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