

and as all such risks are over estimated, we shall probably pay ten times over, for the paltry and wicked satisfaction of robbing her private citizens, who have trusted their property to *ours*.

Such were the enlightened views of Mr. Jay and President Washington, and few men had better opportunities of judging of the effects of confiscation. Mr. Jay was directed, and did accordingly agree to an article, which is a permanent one, and still in force, stipulating, "that in all future wars between us and Great-Britain, no confiscation of private debts should be made."—Can it then be contended, that in the *only* case in which the article was to operate, it becomes void? And will it be pretended that nations can make no regulations to soften the rigors, and lessen the calamities of war?

Without *such an article*, Great-Britain never would make peace with any nation whom she supplies, without stipulating for the payment of debts due to her citizens, and *with such an article* in her hand, what could any honest American commissioners for making peace, say to her negotiators? The man must be hardened indeed, who will contend, that we ought to exercise a power, *malum in se*, debasing, corrupting, disgraceful, and in face of a positive, humane, and honourable stipulation.

But secondly, we are to *ruin the manufacturers* of Great-Britain, at the very prospect of a war they were to rise in rebellion; the prophecy on this subject, has turned out already to be *partially* false.

Instead of that terror, that violent opposition to war from the manufacturers, we hear of no disturbance, and very little uneasiness. The great manufacturing towns in England, have taken no steps to prevent a war or to express their anxiety about it; on the contrary, we learn from persons who have arrived from England, that a war with us is *at least not* unpopular, and especially in *Birmingham*, which is the greatest *work shop* for this country. I might rest the argument here, for it will be admitted, that no people are better judges of their interest, than the manufacturers of England; and if a war would be so ruinous to them, they certainly would not be quiet as we *know they were*, though a war was expected.

But I will give a *very brief* summary, to shew that a war would not be very injurious to these manufacturers.