

been disproved by trial, I cannot but have an hope of its success. For this plan, at the same time that it offers them our friendship, proves our sincerity, and it has this peculiar advantage, that it will be always before their eyes, in all dispositions, under all circumstances: other offers may be made on either side at untoward times, in moments of irritation or partial advantage, and may shift and vary with the moment. This will be out of the hands of Ministers, and out of the reach of caprice; and however rooted the Congress may be in their plan of Independence and French connexion, I cannot but think there is in many of the people a dislike to that connexion, and in many more a cordial affection towards their Parent State, not yet obliterated by our usage.

There are besides, if I am rightly informed, divisions of another kind among them, more particular and personal; divisions of faction, enmity, and ambition; no body knows how far these, or the influence of weighty and able men, in the army or the