

to judge for yourselves? Are your opinions of men and measures so poorly and imperfectly formed, that you are to be driven from them, whether right or wrong, merely because your political opponents are said to favour them? The worst enemies of republican governments never uttered such a slander against them.

The question of *war* or *peace* is a *simple one*. There is no republican so weak; there is no republican so ignorant, as to be incapable of deciding on this plain question. If he thinks the war unnecessary; if he thinks it premature; if he thinks that it will not remedy our evils; if he thinks it will impoverish the farmer, ruin the merchant, saddle the nation with taxes, convert a peaceful country into a vast, unprofitable, expensive camp; is he to be diverted or changed from these opinions, merely because the *federalists* think so too? Do right and wrong, truth and falsehood, depend altogether on men's political divisions?

To what a dreadful issue and result does this doctrine lead us? Are we then *never* to be *united*? Are we to be subject to ten thousand perpetual feuds and divisions?

Oh no! say the friends of war; Oh no! says Mr. Seaver, we ought to be *united* in *favour* of the *war*.

Well then, let us see how this argument ends! If all the *federalists* should unite in favour of the war, according to the argument of this pretended republican advocate for Mr. Seaver, the republicans ought to be *against* it. What! Mr. Seaver against his *own war*? No such thing. - He would then tell you that the *whole nation* were *united* in favour of *his measures*. But the case happens to be reversed. One half the republicans and nearly all the federalists are *opposed to the war*. What then is Mr. Seaver's language? Why you ought to be in *favour* of war, because the federalists are *against* it. So then union is an excellent and honourable thing if it is in *favour* of *Seaver and war*; but the *same union* is a most dreadful monster when it is opposed to Mr. Seaver's votes, to blood, to carnage, to taxes, to national disgrace and ruin.