

to have taken in so many. They have dried up the sources of profit, let that suffice ; and let them not be angry though some reservoirs of stagnant wealth are left untouched. Finally, do they suppose Federalists in any way responsible for this war, with all its disgraceful and ruinous consequences ? They were often told at the commencement, that this war had neither motives nor justification. Their pretended motives have long since ceased to exist ; and no reasons could justify a war, carried on as the present has been. The idea of hostilities was deprecated by us, before their declaration, and they have taken all the pains possible, to prove us in the right, by their miserable management ; they begin, indeed, to sigh for peace no less sincerely, than they raved and clamoured in the outset for arms. They invite and conjure us to join them, and fight for the peace which they now think so desirable, but which, three years ago, they so lightly rejected. They blame us that it has not been already obtained. This was to be expected. We remember when they undertook to hold the balance between France and England, to regulate the laws of blockade, to starve the English people into insurrection against their own government, and the West India islands into dependence on ours. The failure of all these magnificent projects was attributed to Federal reluctance and evasion. Now they are dragging us after them in a war, in which disaster is so blended with weakness and folly, as to render even misery ridiculous ; and the authors of this evil and disgrace, pretend to trace them to Federal counteraction. In what part of the long tissue of ills and follies is this sinister interference interwoven ? It was for the government to have made preparation for a war which itself declared, and which it has accompanied with so much gasconade and bombast. Yet they had at best no more than the rudiments of a navy, their army was small, mostly composed of raw troops, without discipline, almost without subordination, and commanded by generals, who had little reputation for experience in