

interests in Europe can be affected, an alliance has also been made with the most considerable military power on the Continent. And such has been the security and happiness derived from this system, to all the parties who compose it, that while every other power of Europe, has either been distracted with internal commotions, or has seen its finances wasted, and its resources destroyed by the effects of Foreign wars, Great Britain and its allies alone have hitherto enjoyed the blessings of domestic and external tranquillity. And at the present moment, when the spirit of this country has been roused by an unprovoked attack on the dearest of her rights, the freedom of her commerce, and the security of her navigation, we have abundant proof of the advantage of our actual situation, as compared with that defenceless and insulated state in which we found ourselves during the whole of the last war. Against the aggressor in this instance, the resources of this country, alone and unassisted, might confidently be looked to as affording no unfavourable earnest of success, either by the way of negotiation, or by a vigorous exertion of our strength in a just cause. But we have the satisfaction of seeing that we are not left to trust to our own resources alone: And that the efforts actually making in Holland, with a view to assist our efforts, are, in proportion to their strength,
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