

induced to act in the same manner, we shall once more have the satisfaction of seeing our rights vindicated by that union of moderation and firmness which has heretofore redounded so much to the honor and advantage of our country. Should she refuse, and war prove necessary, the recollection that we have done all in our power to avoid it, will enable us to support the struggle with unanimity and fortitude.

Should the system recommended by the President be adopted, it is impossible to foresee what particular measures of preparation will be preferred. As to the person to be sent to France, there can be no doubt that it will be General Pinckney. The firmness, good sense, and moderation which he displayed while in Paris, reflect honor on himself and the country, and have received universal approbation here. It is agreed by all parties, that our honor and interests can be no where safer than in his hands.

Such, my fellow citizens, is the system of measures towards France, which, in my opinion, ought to be adopted. I am persuaded, that they intend not to make war upon us, but to scourge and frighten us into submission: and, that the only possible method of making them desist from the attempt, is to convince them, not merely by declarations, but by effectual preparations for war, that we are not frightened, and will not submit to