

tions, they have annexed to their breach, enormous and unheard of penalties. If they have been instigated to these measures, by the opposition made against them by the Federalists, then the latter have so far been the cause of our sufferings. They have appointed as foreign ministers, men whose minds were too narrow to embrace great national interests; men, who, instead of representing the nation with dignity, were only qualified for bickerings and submissions. But considering an ambassador as a representative of his government, the choice of ours, in many instances, must be allowed to have been very happy. What does our government discover in Federal policy, to justify its conduct towards Spain? Have the Federalists instigated them to the seizure of West Florida, and while the "supereminent man" was stabbing the Spaniard on one side, to pick his pocket on the other? If a war with that nation is the effect, we shall not forget its cause. What measure of the opposition suggested to our rulers the dissolution of the national bank? The treasury is exhausted, and public credit can hardly be said to exist; yet they have levied and collected taxes without any obstacle. It is true, that men, who understood their own interest, have refused to lend them money; men of public spirit have dissuaded others from doing the same, thinking it but just to prevent the means of mischief from coming into the hands of the mischievously disposed. The event has justified the cautions which they gave, and it is not much to be regretted, that those who have preferred their profits to their principles, in defiance of the warnings given them, are likely to suffer for their sordidness. But suppose they had raised greater loans, the only consequence would have been, that we might now have reckoned up a greater amount of losses. It is neither safe nor honourable to lend money to gamesters, and instead of complaining that they have not been able to squander away, in their desperate throws, the whole fortunes of their friends and enemies, they ought to think themselves very successful