

diffidence I submit my thoughts to the public. As probable conjecture of what may be the effect of these regulations is all we can arrive at, I am sensible that it will be very easy to offer such objections to this scheme of Union as may prevent its ever receiving a serious consideration. Many of these objections readily occur to myself; partial I may be supposed to be to my own plan, yet to most of them, I think, I can give a satisfactory answer.

1. It has been said, that America, France, and Spain, will prove too strong for Great Britain; that Great Britain was victorious in the last war; but to what did she owe her victories? To the assistance and support she received from her Colonies. Without disputing the last part of the proposition, which I think too might be disputed, I shall consider the first part of it. If by this is meant, that Great Britain will not be able to cope with America, France, and Spain, while she continues to make an expensive war upon the continent of America, that I can easily allow, because the expence of that war alone, from its distance, and from its being in an enemy's country, is immense; and that expence must now be greatly encreased by the additional risks to which we are exposed from the depredations of the French. But if we do not

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