

By this exhibition of Mr. Seaver's conduct in Congress, it was apparent, that not in a single, solitary measure, but throughout his *whole public life*, he has been often in opposition to *all the republicans of the North*; that esteeming of little account that commerce, and those sacred rights, on which his own constituents depend for their very existence, he has promoted and supported measures destructive of our prosperity.

The whole system of commercial restrictions down to the premature declaration of war, which was the most dreadful consummation of them, which was the death blow to the commerce of Massachusetts, has met his eager and unqualified assent.

Still however we were not disposed to widen the breach in the republican party, to which we are firmly attached, nor should we at this time enter into the arguments against Mr. Seaver's reelection, if we had not been traduced, and our measures and motives misrepresented.

In the pamphlet of a pretended republican who supports Mr. Seaver, merely because he is a *friend to the war*, you are told, that the peace party among the republicans are the mere tools of federalists; that the federalists first suggested the idea of a change; and that this is a base coalition between the peace party and the federalists for ambitious purposes.

After saying that this is absolutely false, and a gross and base attempt to excite your passions against your republican friends, I would ask to what point does this doctrine lead? What? cannot the republicans, once in eight or ten years, change their candidate without being abused as apostates and betrayers of their party? Is it to be presumed that our representative in Congress can *never* do wrong? And are we bound to support him, when he opposes our view of the publick interests, or else to be branded as apostates, or federalists? Is there no other republican in the County of Norfolk capable of representing and supporting its interests but Mr. Seaver; and is a man to be expelled from the society of republicans, because he thinks that another