

by the side of every Member, which, if reason and argument should fail, would be ready to assert the rights of the republic.

Under the article of *probable events*, we are certainly more indebted to fortune than France or America; and it is evidently owing to chance alone that our fleet and army escaped from Philadelphia; that they were neither starved nor taken at New-York; and that the garrison of Rhode-Island had not suffered the same fate as the men of war and transports. But we must *resolve to persevere*, and to *die in the last ditch*, says this new advocate for bloodshed and battery. If we are ever drove to the last ditch, I think it will be by such violent Councils; in the mean time, I think there would be no harm in asking the gracious Congress, as he calls them, whether they, and their new ally, will leave us in quiet possession of what we now possess? Or, if this pill is too bitter, suppose we ask the question of France, by the mediation of Count Almodavar? For if there is to be no peace in Israel, till we have conquered France, and Spain, and America, we have a stone to roll