

different parts, no experience of her strength, no establishments of national defence, no name, no existence as a people, which then impelled her to resist the haughty pretensions and tyrannical encroachments of Britain, in the zenith of her power and elated by her recent triumph over the arms of France: Is that spirit so totally extinguished, that she must crouch at the feet of this haughty, this ambitious republic, and by abject submission, purchase a precarious, a dishonourable quiet? Americans of 76, ye who fought at Bunker's Hill, at Bennington, at Quebec, at Saratoga, at Monmouth, at Guilford, King's Mountain, Eutaw and the Cowpens; companions of Warren, of Montgomery, of Gates, of Mercer, of Morgan, of Wayne, of Green and of Washington, where have ye retired? Has your courage rusted with your swords; or is the soil which gave you birth, no longer capable of nourishing Patriots and Heroes? Shall your country, that country which notwithstanding the insulting taunts of this proud republic, your arms rescued from the oppression of a tyrannical parent, shall it reap no other fruit from your toils and your blood, than to be reduced under the obedience of an unjust and ambitious neighbour, who in return for benefits always gratefully acknowledged, though conferred because they were useful to herself, and with which for four years past she has never ceased to upbraid us, claims a surrender of our interests and our rights, and the direction of our affairs? I hear you with one voice answer, NO. "The sons of America," I hear you cry "should her wise and moderate endeavors to preserve her rights by peaceable means still prove unsuccessful, will again at her call beat their plowshares into swords, and the proud and insolent aggressor shall soon be convinced, that a brave and just people, though long patient under injuries from those whom it once loved, will rouse at last, and desirous of peace will remember that it must sometimes be preserved by war."

The American people, then, my fellow-citizens, and you as part of them, are called upon to decide between their own government and that of another nation; to