

France, united as one, will never permit a bold, active, restless, multiplying nation, like the American, to remain within a few days march of some of her mines of the precious metals; nor in the way of spreading sedition among her subjects. She remembers how near Aaron Burr was to succeeding, which shew that there is danger, even from the *individuals* of our country. But a new and considerable alarm is offered by the discovery that some of the southern parts of Louisiana may be made into a colony for raising sugar, rum and other tropical productions; a colony which the British cannot easily attack; which will never want provisions, lumber or ships, either in peace or in war; which may be cultivated to any extent and must outstrip the West Indies; a colony, in short, of which Mr. Jefferson fondly but weakly sung the dangerous praises. The whole European system of colonization, under a *mother country* is, indeed put into jeopardy, by a nation established in the new world, on independent and republican principles, and which threatens equally by its power or its example to detach the dependent colonies from their relationship to Europe. This is a jealousy to which a man like Bonaparte must be particularly sensible; his plan being to subjugate the world, and particularly America, because this Continent, in all its parts, has always been considered, among the Princes of Europe, as a mere appendage to the European governments.

But to take the matter in a yet larger point of view; a man with the haughty passions of Bonaparte will not bear to see a new republican nation, calling itself the *second* commercial people, and leaving France to name herself the *third*. Can he see sixty thousand seamen attached to a confederated government, and placed in a condition so commanding as that of the United States, and bold and skilful enough to beat his own ships at sea, in equal combats; and not wish at least to divide it? When he knows that they double their numbers in twenty five years, and have a passion for sea affairs, will he not wish, not merely to divide, but to crush such a nation? Why has he such an enmity to Great Britain, but because it resists him; because it is a nation more commercial and maritime than France, and therefore