

them is so invidious as to... officers of government... Government itself; so that in case of Massachusetts should take any towards resisting the execution of it, it is highly probable it may calculate the hearty co-operation of the people.

that the governor of this state is now... towns in the northern section of... makes no secret of his determination... in chief of the militia, to... to any command from the... government which can tend to inter... good understanding that prevails be... Citizens of Vermont and H. M... Canada. It is further intimated... of war he will use his influence... the state neutral, and... the force he can command, any... make it a party. I need not add... resolutions are carried into... state of Vermont may be... ally of G. Britain.

at extent the sentiments which... quarter exist in the neighboring... even in the eastern section of... m unable to conjecture. I only can... certainty, that the leading men of... al party act in concert; and, there... r, that a common sentiment prevails... body throughout New-England.

I have not had sufficient time nor evidence... to enable me to form any opinion for myself... of the lengths to which the federal party... will carry their opposition to the national... government in the event of a war. Much... may be inferred from the result of the... elections of governors, which within two... months will be made in the states of Mas... sachusetts, New-Hampshire, and Rhode... Island. From all I know and all I can learn... of the general government, I am not appreh... sive of an immediate war. The embargo... is the favourite measure, and it is probab... le that other means will be employed to ex... ecute England to commit some act of hostilit... y, for the sole purpose of placing the res... ponsibility of war on that country—this... I most particularly recommend to the consid... eration of ministers. The dread of opposition... and the loss of popularity, will certainly keep... the ruling party at Washington inactive.—... They will risk any thing but the loss of pow... er, and they are well aware that their power... would pass away with the first calamity which... their measures might bring upon the common... people, [from whom that power emanates,]... unless indeed they could find a sufficient ex... cuse in the conduct of G. Britain. This im... pression cannot be too deeply felt by his ma... jesty's ministers, nor too widely spread... throughout the British nation. It will fur... nish you a sure guide in every policy that... may be adopted towards the United States.

and resist the national government. They... do not however deny, that should the state... of Vermont continue to be represented as it... is at present, it would in all probability unite... with the neighbouring states in any serious... plan of resistance to a war which it might... seem expedient to adopt. This, I think, is... the safe opinion for you to rely on; if in... stead, reliance ought to be placed on any mea... sure depending upon the will of the rabble... which is ever changing, and must ever be... marked with ignorance, caprice and incon... stancy. As the crisis approaches, the difficul... ty of deciding upon an hazardous alternative... will increase; and unfortunately, there is... not in Vermont any man of commanding ta... lents, capable of attracting general confidence;... of infusing into the people his own spirit... amidst the confusion of conflicting opin... ions, dangers and commotion, competent to... lead in the path of duty or safety. The... governor is an industrious, prudent man; &... more personal influence than any other;... but his abilities are not suited to the situat... ion in which a civil war would place him.

I am, &c. A. B.
No. 5.
Amherst, N. H. Feb. 23, 1809.

Sir,
A gentleman going direct to Canada, af... fords a safe and favorable opportunity of giv... ing you some further account of my progress... I will not make use of the post-offices when... I can avoid it; because private occasions su... percede the necessity of writing in cypher—... and the contempt of decency and principle... which forms part of the morals of the subal... tern officers of democracy, would incline... them to break a seal, with the same indiffer... ence that they break their words, when either... curiosity or interest is to be indulged.

lose the vessels to capture, detention, and em... barrassments; will justify the present policy... and produce such a degree of irritation and... resentment as will enable the government of... this country to throw the whole blame and... responsibility of war from its own shoulders... upon those of the British ministry. If in this... the party attached to France should calculate... with correctness, and the commerce of New-... England should greatly suffer—the merchants... being injured and discouraged, would not... only acquiesce in the restrictive systems, but... even submit to war. On the other hand, should... the small traffick permitted by the nonintercourse... law be lucrative and uninterrupted, the people... would be clamorous for more, and soon compel... the government to restore the friendly relations... between the two countries. While I offer my opinion... upon this subject, I cannot express but a strong... hope, that if any terms should be proposed... by either government, to which the other... might think proper to accede, that a principal... motive to the adjustment of differences should... be understood to arise from the amicable dis... position of the eastern states, particularly of... the state of Massachusetts. This as it would... increase the popularity of the friends of G. Britain... could not fail to promote her interests. If it... could not be done formally and officially, nor... in a correspondence between ministers, it still... perhaps the administration in the parliament... of Great-Britain might take that ground, and... the suggestion would find its way into the... papers both in England and America.

I cannot be too frequently repeated that... this country can only be governed and direct... ed by the influence of opinion; as there is... nothing permanent in its political institutions... nor are the populace under any circumstances... to be relied on, when measures become incon... venient and burdensome. I will soon write... again, and am, &c. A. B.
No. 7.
Boston, March 7, 1809.

Sir—I have now ascertained with as much... accuracy as possible, the course intended to... be pursued by the party in Massachusetts, that... is opposed to the measures and politics of the... administration of the general government.

they form an exception to all general rules... and experience, will act inconsistently and... absurdly.
I am, &c. A. B.
No. 8.
Boston, March 9, 1809.

Sir—In my letter, No. 6; I took the liber... ty to express my opinion of the probable effect... of the nonintercourse law, intended to be... enacted; and of the mode by which G. Britain... may defeat the real intention of the American... government in passing it. But as the fort of... impunity recommended right, in its applica... tion to every species of commerce that would... be carried on, be deemed by G. Britain a... greater evil than war itself, a middle course... might easily be adopted, which would deprive... France of the benefit resulting from an inter... course with America, without in any great... degree, irritating the maritime states.

The high price of all American produce... in France furnishes a temptation which mercan... tile avarice will be unable to resist. The... consequence is obvious. But if, instead of... condemning the vessels and cargoes which... may be arrested in pursuing this prohibited... commerce, they should be compelled to go... into a British port, and there permitted to... sell them, I think the friends of England in... these states would not utter a complaint. Indeed... I have no doubt, that if in the prosecution... of a lawful voyage, the British cruisers should... treat American ships in this manner, their... owners would, in the present state of the... European markets, think themselves very... fortunate, as it would save them the trouble... and expense of landing them in a neutral... port, and from thence reshipping them to... England, now the best market in Europe... for the produce of this country. The govern... ment of the U. S. would probably complain, and... Buonaparte become peremptory—but even... that would only tend to render the opposi... tion in the northern states more resolute... and accelerate the dissolution of the confeder... acy. The generosity and justice of Great-... Britain would be extolled, and the commer... cial states exult in the success of individuals... over a government inimical to commerce, and... to whose measures they can no longer submit... with patient acquiescence.

An unpopular war—that is a war produced... by the hatred and prejudices of one party, but... against the consent of the other party, can... alone produce a sudden separation of any sec... tion of this country from the common head.

Although the non-intercourse law affords... but a very partial relief to the people of this... country from the evils of that entire suspen... sion of commerce to which they have reluc... tantly submitted for some time past, I lament... the repeal of the embargo; because it was... calculated to accelerate the progress of these... states towards a revolution that would have... put an end to the only republic that remains... to prove that a government founded on poli... tical equality can exist in a season of trial... and difficulty, or is calculated to insure either... security or happiness to a people.

I am, &c. A. B.
No. 10.
Boston, March 29, 1809.

Sir—Since my letter of the 13th, nothing... has occurred which I thought worthy of a... communication.

Windsor, (Vt.) Feb. 19 1809.
My last (No. 3) was written at... the principal town in the north... of the state of Vermont. I am... the principal town in the eastern sec...

I am favoured with another opportunity of... writing to you by a private conveyance; and... think it probable at this season that the fre... quency of these will render it unnecessary to... write to you in cypher.

It does not yet appear necessary that I... should discover to any person the purpose of... my visit to Boston; nor is it probable that I... shall be compelled for the sake of gaining... more knowledge of the arrangements of the... federal party in these states, to avow myself... as a regular authorised agent of the British... government, even to those individuals who... would feel equally bound with myself to pre... serve with the utmost inscrutability, so im... portant a secret from the public eye.

Under what new circumstances the Con... gress will meet in May, will depend on the... state elections and the changes that may in... the mean time take place in Europe. With... regard to G. Britain, she can scarce mistake... her true policy in relation to America. If... peace be the first object, every act which can... irritate the maritime states ought to be avoid... ed; because the prevailing disposition of... these will generally be sufficient to keep the... government from hazarding any hostile mea... sure.—If a war between America and France... be a grand desideratum something more... must be done: an indulgent conciliatory... policy must be adopted, which will leave... the democrats without a pretext for hostilit... ies; and Buonaparte, whose passions are too... hot for delay, will probably compel this go... vernment to decide whether of the two great... belligerents is to be its enemy. To bring a... bout a separation of the states, under distinct... and independent governments, is an affair of... more uncertainty; and however desirable, cannot... be effected but by a series of acts and long... continued policy, tending to irritate the... southern and conciliate the northern people.

This is to give notice,
THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, letters of administration on the personal estate of James Harwood, late of the county aforesaid, deceased: It is therefore requested, that all persons who have claims against said estate bring them in legally proved and authenticated, so as to pass the orphans court, and all those who are in any manner indebted to the estate of the said deceased to make immediate payment to

WM. S. GREEN, Adm'r.
Nov. 7, 1811.

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LEWIS DUVAL, Adm'r.
de bonis non.
Oct. 31, 1811.