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conspire against the power of the Great Republic upon our borders, should that warlike nation resolve to "gobble up" us? Our safety, therefore, can only be secured by the maintenance of our connection with the United States, in the event of a war with the United States of America, the resources of Britain, great as they are, would be inadequate to the utmost, in order to save the Colonies from being overwhelmed by the superior force of the United States. It is that her statements are too wise, too mindful of national honor to send out a few regiments, or a small contingent of troops, to be employed in the service of a Republic providing for our safety, we may reasonably expect that England will withdraw her military and naval forces, and leave us to our fate. But on the other hand, should the United States be engaged in a contest with England, and do that which is reasonably required of us, England will defend us to the utmost. It is to us my friends, that the Colonies are indebted for the preservation of the different Provinces and Colonies, and absorption into the American Republic. Conciliation—the placation of the passions and the removal of the causes of the violence and the men of the several Provinces under the banner of the United States, is the only way to our war, be absolutely necessary in order to the efficient organization of our colonial resources. In Britain as the Colonies are situated, it is not possible to have a sufficient number of troops to absorb into the Great Republic is inevitable. In the event of a war between England and the United States of America, the battle ground would be the British Colonies, and the Colonies would be the theatre of the contest, in order to avert so great a calamity, the connection between the Provinces and the Mother Country should be maintained, and the Colonies be enabled to maintain an independent nation. Others, Sir, consider that it would be more to our interest to retain our connection with England, and to endure, if necessary, the horrors of war with Britain, continue to live under the glorious old flag, as our Monarchical institutions. The latter is the prevailing sentiment, and the Colonies are not disposed to relinquish them, desire to get rid of those Colonies on the ground that they are no expense to the Empire; and because colonists are not to be considered as British subjects.

not accommodate their Customs Tariff to suit the  
manufacturers of Sheffield and Manchester. I have  
yet to learn, Sir, that the people of this Island have  
not a right to enjoy all the privileges of Englishmen to an  
equal extent with either Mr Cobden, Mr Bright,

Professor Guildwin Smith. Our right to these privileges  
I consider, exist in virtue of our allegiance, and cannot  
be affected by our neglect to patronize or encourage  
manufacturers of Sheffield or of Manchester. I have no  
sir, that as British subjects, we have no right to  
let it not be forgotten, Sir, that we have our obligations  
to our country, and that these obligations are that which  
demands that we shall contribute our full share to  
the good of defending the Empire. With the strength  
England available for our defence, I fear not the sub-  
jugation of the Provinces, so long as the inhabitants  
remain loyal. The inevitable result of a war with the  
United States of America would be the occupation of large

portions of our territory by hostile soldiery, but the strongholds open to the sea would be held off against the gigantic power of the United States. If we once separate from Great Britain, we need not depend upon England for assistance should we ever be so unfortunate as to become

embroidered with our neighbours. The manner in which the English Government recently acted towards Denmark is calculated to teach us a valuable lesson. Under general organization the four millions of inhabitants of the Provinces could supply a formidable military force. Without such organization—which would be the result

Confederation—the Provinces separately can do little  
nothing. We have recently had a discussion in the  
House on the subject of our Militia. To train the Militia  
this Island would require an annual outlay nearly equal  
to our entire Revenue, and were our Militia to