

Americanus, 15 March 1787

look-out!!

And there arose a prophet among us in the days of small things, viz. 1620; and he stood forth and prophesied, saying, “—.”

Now all these things have literally come to pass, and the term and terms of this prophecy were finished on the *third day of September*, 1783. At this period he called aloud for universal audience, and again prophesied, and said:—

“Although your *peace* be made with *Great-Britain* upon your favourite tenets, and founded upon principles of natural purity, dictated by the finger of justice—yet, O Americans, be ye not too credulous; distrust the politics of your sister nations, and be industrious to pry into their cabinet secrets.

“On that day I turned my face towards the east, and I heard a voice, like unto the voice of *discontent*, among the nobles of the east athwart, atlanticward, saying:—

These things we like not:—by losing the states of America we shall become the scoff of our neighbours; our formidability diminished, our strength lessened, our finances impoverished!—It shall not long be thus!—The great, the important question is, *how regain them*? This may be easily effected:—we will avail ourselves of the most trifling, or *pretended* breaches of the treaty of peace—we will re-engage the *refugees* of that country, who have hither-to assisted us, by paying well their losses—we will hold to view a specious *appearance* of generosity until our plot be ripe—we will send forth *hirelings*, spies, and pimps, into the four quarters of North-America, with orders to spread *sedition* and sow the seeds of rebellion among the people—we will buy the *Indians* to join us to carry into execution our last effort, which (when once they are *cimi-circled*, forest-ward, by our faithful minions) shall be, *to oblige them to submit to the tyrannical government that we will set over them*. If this we obtain, the glory of Great-Britain will re-ascend, as on eagles wings, and her fame will spread from pole to pole.’

‘The voice here ceased to utter. I pondered upon the substance of this invisible declaration. I beat my breast, which, with unutterable pangs, was bursting. I reflected that the plan was altogether consistent with the character of *man* in his depraved state. I therefore, at that period, stepped forward to warn Americans, *to be vigilant—to be virtuous—to be honorable—for these three are immaculate, uncorruptible—pleasing to the god of nature*. Americans have not regarded my call of affection—and the *plan*, by the voice from the east, is fast ripening. You are infested with corruption, and list not whence it proceeds.—it proceeds from the british cabinet!—rebellion already stalks in *Massachusetts; Vermont* may favor them. The period of the prophecy is not yet fulfilled—but, if ye cannot trace the *natural* course of events; if ye cannot, in some measure, determine by the effects *what* the causes were, and counteract, by immediate recourse to *vigilance, virtue, honor, justice*, and thus undermine every plot which is aimed at your INDEPENDENCE—VERMONT, CANADA, the INDIAN NATIONS, &c. will join their forces to the monster REBELLION, and drive you head-long, into the pit of POLITICAL DAMNATION.”

AMERICANS! believe not in the *delusive* doctrine of *predestination!* the day of grace is not passed—for, ye have POWER OF REFORMATION!—make your FÆDERAL HEAD adequate to the *requisite* purposes of government;—give permanency to your laws;—hurl from your bosoms, *ye several legislatures*, all sycophantish members! and those who are swayed by the dangerous principles of self-interest, or the interest of any particular state which may effect a disunion of the whole!—then, and not till then, will you be safe—then the storms and tempests of differing nations shall attempt, *in vain*, to annoy you—and your INDEPENDENCE and HAPPINESS will be established for ever.

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