

Cabinet Battle #2

[Washington]

The issue on the table: France is on the verge of war with England
And do we provide aid and our troops to our French allies or do we stay out of it?
Remember, my decision on this matter is not subject to congressional approval
The only person you have to convince is me
Secretary Jefferson, you have the floor, sir

[Jefferson]

When we were on death's door, when we were needy
We made a promise, we signed a treaty
We needed money and guns and half a chance
Who provided those funds?

[Madison]

France

[Jefferson]

In return, they didn't ask for land
Only a promise that we'd lend a hand
And stand with them if they fought against oppressors
And revolution is messy but now is the time to stand
Stand with our brothers as they fight against tyranny
I know that Alexander Hamilton is here and he
Would rather not have this debate
I'll remind you that he is not Secretary of State
He knows nothing of loyalty
Smells like new money, dresses like fake royalty
Desperate to rise above his station
Everything he does betrays the ideals of our nation

[Jefferson]

Hey, and if ya don't know, now ya know, Mr. President

[Washington]

Thank you, Secretary Jefferson. Secretary Hamilton, your response

[Hamilton]

You must be out of your Goddamn mind if you think
The President is gonna bring the nation to the brink
Of meddling in the middle of a military mess
A game of chess, where France is Queen and Kingless
We signed a treaty with a King whose head is now in a basket

Would you like to take it out and ask it?
“Should we honor our treaty, King Louis’ head?”
“Uh... do whatever you want, I’m super dead.”

[Washington]
Enough. Hamilton is right

[Jefferson]
Mr. President—

[Washington]
We’re too fragile to start another fight

[Jefferson]
But sir, do we not fight for freedom?

[Washington]
Sure, when the French figure out who’s gonna lead ‘em

[Jefferson]
The people are leading—

[Washington]
The people are rioting
There’s a difference. Frankly, it’s a little disquieting you would let your ideals blind you to reality
Hamilton

[Hamilton]
Sir

[Washington]
Draft a statement of neutrality

[Jefferson]
Did you forget Lafayette?

[Hamilton]
What?

[Jefferson]
Have you an ounce of regret?
You accumulate debt, you accumulate power
Yet in their hour of need, you forget

[Hamilton]

Lafayette's a smart man, he'll be fine
And before he was your friend, he was mine
If we try to fight in every revolution in the world, we never stop
Where do we draw the line?

[Jefferson]

So quick-witted

[Hamilton]

Alas, I admit it

[Jefferson]

I bet you were quite a lawyer

[Hamilton]

My defendants got acquitted

[Jefferson]

Yeah. Well, someone oughta remind you

[Hamilton]

What?

[Jefferson]

You're nothing without Washington behind you

[Washington]

Hamilton!

[Jefferson]

Daddy's calling!

Washington on Your Side

[BURR]

It must be nice, it must be nice to have
Washington on your side
It must be nice, it must be nice to have
Washington on your side

[JEFFERSON]

Ev'ry action has its equal, opposite reactions
Thanks to Hamilton, our cab'net's fractured into factions
Try not to crack under the stress, we're breaking down like fractions
We smack each other in the press, and we don't print retractions
I get no satisfaction witnessing his fits of passion
The way he primps and preens and dresses like the pits of fashion
Our poorest citizens, our farmers, live ration to ration
As Wall Street robs 'em blind in search of chips to cash in
This prick is askin' for someone to bring him to task
Somebody gimme some dirt on this vacuous mass so we can at last unmask him
I'll pull the trigger on him, someone load the gun and cock it
While we were all watching, he got Washington in his pocket

[JEFFERSON AND BURR]

It must be nice, it must be nice to have
Washington on your side
It must be nice, it must be nice to have
Washington on your side
Look back at the Bill of Rights

[MADISON]

Which I wrote

[JEFFERSON/MADISON/BURR]

The ink hasn't dried
It must be nice, it must be nice to have
Washington on your side

[MADISON]

So he's doubled the size of the government
Wasn't the trouble with much of our previous government size?

[BURR]

Look in his eyes!

[JEFFERSON]

See how he lies

[MADISON]

Follow the scent of his enterprise

[JEFFERSON]

Centralizing national credit

And making American credit competitive

[MADISON]

If we don't stop it we aid and abet it

[JEFFERSON]

I have to resign

[MADISON]

Somebody has to stand up for the South!

[BURR]

Somebody has to stand up to his mouth!

[JEFFERSON]

If there's a fire you're trying to douse

[MADISON AND JEFFERSON]

You can't put it out from inside the house

[JEFFERSON]

I'm in the cabinet. I am complicit in
Watching him grabbin' at power and kiss it
If Washington isn't gon' listen
To disciplined dissidents, this is the difference:
This kid is out!

[MADISON/BURR/JEFFERSON]

This immigrant isn't somebody we chose
This immigrant's keeping us all on our toes
Let's show these Federalists who they're up against!

[JEFFERSON/MADISON/BURR]

Democratic-Republicans!

[JEFFERSON/MADISON/BURR]

Let's follow the money and see where it goes

[JEFFERSON/MADISON/BURR]

Because every second the Treasury grows

[JEFFERSON/MADISON/BURR]

If we follow the money and see where it leads

Get in the weeds, look for the seeds of
Hamilton's misdeeds

[JEFFERSON/MADISON/BURR]
It must be nice. It must be nice

[MADISON]
Follow the money and see where it goes

[JEFFERSON/MADISON/BURR]
It must be nice. It must be nice

[JEFFERSON]
The emperor has no clothes

[JEFFERSON/MADISON/BURR]
We won't be invisible. We won't be denied
Still
It must be nice, it must be nice to have
Washington on your side

One Last Time

[Hamilton]
Mr. President, you asked to see me?

[WASHINGTON]
I know you're busy

[HAMILTON]
What do you need, sir? Sir?

[WASHINGTON]
I wanna give you a word of warning

[HAMILTON]
Sir, I don't know what you heard
But whatever it is, Jefferson started it

[WASHINGTON]
Thomas Jefferson resigned this morning

[HAMILTON]
You're kidding

[WASHINGTON]

I need a favor

[HAMILTON]

Whatever you say, sir, Jefferson will pay for his behavior

[WASHINGTON]

Shh. Talk less

[HAMILTON]

I'll use the press

I'll write under a pseudonym, you'll see what I can do to him—

[WASHINGTON]

I need you to draft an address

[HAMILTON]

Yes! He resigned. You can finally speak your mind—

[WASHINGTON]

No, he's stepping down so he can run for President

[HAMILTON]

Ha. Good luck defeating you, sir

[WASHINGTON]

I'm stepping down. I'm not running for President

[HAMILTON]

I'm sorry, what?

[WASHINGTON]

One last time

Relax, have a drink with me

One last time

Let's take a break tonight

And then we'll teach them how to say goodbye

To say goodbye

You and I

[HAMILTON]

No, sir, why?

[WASHINGTON]

I wanna talk about neutrality

[HAMILTON]

Sir, with Britain and France on the verge of war, is this the best time—

[WASHINGTON]

I want to warn against partisan fighting

[HAMILTON]

But—

[WASHINGTON]

Pick up a pen, start writing
I wanna talk about what I have learned
The hard-won wisdom I have earned

[HAMILTON]

As far as the people are concerned
You have to serve, you could continue to serve—

[WASHINGTON]

No! One last time
The people will hear from me
One last time
And if we get this right
We're gonna teach 'em how to say
Goodbye
You and I—

[HAMILTON]

Mr. President, they will say you're weak

[WASHINGTON]

No, they will see we're strong

[HAMILTON]

Your position is so unique

[WASHINGTON]

So I'll use it to move them along

[HAMILTON]

Why do you have to say goodbye?

[WASHINGTON]

If I say goodbye, the nation learns to move on

It outlives me when I'm gone

Like the scripture says:

"Everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree

And no one shall make them afraid."

They'll be safe in the nation we've made

I wanna sit under my own vine and fig tree

A moment alone in the shade

At home in this nation we've made

One last time

[HAMILTON]

One last time

[HAMILTON]

Though, in reviewing the incidents of my administration, I am unconscious of intentional error, I am nevertheless too sensible of my defects not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors. I shall also carry with me

[HAMILTON]

The hope

That my country will

View them with indulgence;

And that

After forty-five years of my life dedicated to its service with an upright zeal

The faults of incompetent abilities will be

Consigned to oblivion, as I myself must soon be to the mansions of rest

I anticipate with pleasing expectation that retreat in which I promise myself to realize the sweet enjoyment of partaking, in the midst of my fellow-citizens, the benign influence of good laws

Under a free government, the ever-favorite object of my heart, and the happy reward, as I trust

Of our mutual cares, labors, and dangers.

[WASHINGTON]

The hope

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One last time

[HAMILTON]

Teach 'em how to say goodbye

[WASHINGTON]

You and I

Going home

History has its eyes on you

We're gonna teach 'em how to

Say goodbye!

Teach 'em how to

Say goodbye!

To say goodbye!

Say goodbye!

One last time!

