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The perpetually restless & malignant Spirit of D^r Franklyn hath within these few days suggested to the Duke of Choiseul the numerous advantages which must necessarily accrue to France by creating (if possibly) a Division of Family-Interests between your Majesty and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Choiseul most cordially adopting this Idea, it is now become a Measure of the Cabinet, is immediately to be carried into Execution, and no Expence spared in bringing it to perfection.

Franklyn's political Views are diametrically opposite to those of Choiseul; the latter hath only the Emperor & House of Lorraine at heart, while the former is totally absorbed in the romantic Visions of being handed down to posterity as the Founder of an American Universal Republic. Steady to this incommunicable principle, he hath already secretly, and even without the privacy of Choiseul, caused it to be intimated to his confidential Emisaries here in England, that they are to use his Royal Highness, but upon no consideration whatsoever to look up to him as their Head or Chieftain. On the contrary they are strictly enjoined never once to lose sight of the grand Object, which is that of one, Universal, American Republic, & to inculcate in all places of public resort this Doctrine, namely, "that although America be now in her pining Infancy, yet is she in point of Alliances, Arms, Arts, Sciences, internal Wealth, number of Inhabitants, & Extent of Territory, Equal if not Superior to the Republic of Rome even in her adult State."

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