

is this to be done; and it is not difficult of solution. When we were struggling with Great Britain for our political independence what did we do? We sought foreign alliances, and obtained them. I do not mean to say that without their aid we should not have succeeded; but with their aid we did succeed, and in a shorter time than we should otherwise have done: the same course is now to be pursued. Let us seek foreign alliances in the literature and science of other nations than Great Britain, and we may expect similar success.

This idea is not new. It has already been acted upon, and is gradually producing its fruits. Finding at the close of the last war, that our weak efforts were derided by British critics, from whom, on the contrary, we should have expected mild encouragement, it occurred to some patriotic gentlemen in Philadelphia and New York to seek literary friends on the continent of Europe. A conspiracy was formed that had ramifications in Boston and elsewhere, to carry that idea into effect. I had the honour to be a member of that conspiracy, which I call by that name, because it was carried on in secret, and was known only by its results. We began with Germany. Correspondences were opened with the literary characters of that land of genius and science. The works of our writers were sent to them, and theirs received in return. Two journals were established; one in English at New York, under the title of "*the German Correspondent*," and another in German, at Philadelphia, under that of *Views of America*, (*Amerikanische Ansichten*.) The object of the former was to make German literature known to our countrymen, that of the latter to make our own known in Germany. At the same time there appeared at Leipzick another periodical publication entirely devoted to this country, and tending to the same end with the two others, entitled "*America described by herself*," (*Amerika dargestellt durch sich selbst*.) These three periodicals lasted little more than one year; the last, however, was followed by another, entitled "*Atlantis*," also published at Leipzick, by a gentleman who is now a respectable member of the medical profession in this city,* and went through two octavo volumes. Those works produced

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