

Cabinet Battle #1



[WASHINGTON]

Ladies and gentlemen, you coulda been anywhere in the world tonight, but you're here with us in New York City. Are you ready for a cabinet meeting???

The issue on the table: Secretary Hamilton's plan to assume state debt and establish a national bank. Secretary Jefferson, you have the floor, sir

[JEFFERSON]

'Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'
We fought for these ideals; we shouldn't settle for less
These are wise words, enterprising men quote 'em
Don't act surprised, you guys, cuz I wrote 'em

[JEFFERSON/MADISON]

Oww

[JEFFERSON]

But Hamilton forgets
His plan would have the government assume state's debts
Now, place your bets as to who that benefits:
The very seat of government where Hamilton sits

[HAMILTON]

Not true!

[JEFFERSON]

Ooh, if the shoe fits, wear it
If New York's in debt—
Why should Virginia bear it? Uh! Our debts are paid, I'm afraid

Don't tax the South cuz we got it made in the shade
In Virginia, we plant seeds in the ground
We create. You just wanna move our money around
This financial plan is an outrageous demand
And it's too many damn pages for any man to understand
Stand with me in the land of the free
And pray to God we never see Hamilton's candidacy
Look, when Britain taxed our tea, we got frisky
Imagine what gon' happen when you try to tax our whisky

[WASHINGTON]

Thank you, Secretary Jefferson. Secretary Hamilton, your response

[HAMILTON]

Thomas. That was a real nice declaration
Welcome to the present, we're running a real nation
Would you like to join us, or stay mellow
Doin' whatever the hell it is you do in Monticello?
If we assume the debts, the union gets

A new line of credit, a financial diuretic
How do you not get it? If we're aggressive and competitive
The union gets a boost. You'd rather give it a sedative?
A civics lesson from a slaver. Hey neighbor
Your debts are paid cuz you don't pay for labor
"We plant seeds in the South. We create."

Yeah, keep ranting

We know who's really doing the planting
And another thing, Mr. Age of Enlightenment
Don't lecture me about the war, you didn't fight in it
You think I'm frightened of you, man?

We almost died in a trench

While you were off getting high with the French
Thomas Jefferson, always hesitant with the President
Reticent—there isn't a plan he doesn't jettison
Madison, you're mad as a hatter, son, take your medicine
Damn, you're in worse shape than the national debt is in
Sittin' there useless as two

Hey, turn around, bend over, I'll show you

Where my shoe fits

[WASHINGTON]

Excuse me? Jefferson, Madison, take a walk! Hamilton,
take a walk! We'll reconvene after a brief recess.

Hamilton!

[HAMILTON]

Sir!

[WASHINGTON]

A word

[MADISON]

You don't have the votes

[JEFFERSON/MADISON]

You don't have the votes

[JEFFERSON]

Aha-ha-ha ha!

[JEFFERSON/MADISON]

You're gonna need congressional approval and you don't
have the votes

[JEFFERSON]

Such a blunder sometimes it makes me wonder why I even
bring the thunder

[MADISON]

Why he even brings the thunder...

[WASHINGTON]

You wanna pull yourself together?

[HAMILTON]

I'm sorry, these Virginians are birds of a feather

[WASHINGTON]

Young man, I'm from Virginia, so watch your mouth

[HAMILTON]

So we let Congress get held hostage by the South?

[WASHINGTON]

You need the votes

[HAMILTON]

No, we need bold strokes. We need this plan

[WASHINGTON]

No, you need to convince more folks

[HAMILTON]
James Madison won't talk to me, that's a nonstarter

[WASHINGTON]
Winning was easy, young man. Governing's harder

[HAMILTON]
They're being intransigent

[WASHINGTON]
You have to find a compromise

[HAMILTON]
But they don't have a plan, they just hate mine!

[WASHINGTON]
Convince them otherwise

[HAMILTON]
What happens if I don't get congressional approval?

[WASHINGTON]
I imagine they'll call for your removal

[HAMILTON]
Sir—

[WASHINGTON]
Figure it out, Alexander. That's an order from your commander

Cabinet Battle #1

The issue on the table: *(identify the question of the debate)*

Thomas Jefferson

Alexander Hamilton

	Thomas Jefferson	Alexander Hamilton
Position		
Claims		
Text Evidence		

Who won the debate (rap battle)? Explain your choice incorporating evidence from your chart.

Cabinet Battle #2 lyrics



[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

[ENSEMBLE]

Ooh!!

[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!

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