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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

1. What is Hamilton's Plan?  
2. Why does Jefferson oppose it?

3. What advise does Washington give Hamilton?

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### What's Hamilton's Plan?

- to assume state debt
- to establish a national bank
- tax on Whiskey
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### Why doesn't Jefferson like it?

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Southern states have already paid off debts. Don't want to bail out northern state in debt.

Jefferson loves farmers  
+ doesn't want corn farmers hurt by whiskey tax.

### What's Washington's advice to Hamilton?

r. . . is a compromise.  
You need the votes!

### What's Hamilton's Plan?

- Establish National Bank
- Assume the states' debt
- TAX ON Whiskey.

### Why doesn't Jefferson like it?

- Because Southern states have already paid off their debts and don't want to bail out Northern states.

- Tax on Whiskey could result in a decrease in corn sales → hurt farmers.

### What's Washington's advice to Hamilton?

- Make a compromise.
- Get the votes in Congress to approve financial plan.

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 shits  
Hey, turn around, bend over, I'll show you  
Where my shoe fits

[WASHINGTON]

Excuse me? Madison, Jefferson, 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



## Hamilton's Financial Plan

### ■ 3 Steps

- Pay off all war debts
- Raise government revenues
- Create a national bank

### ■ Wanted National government to pay off the war debts of the states

- Most southern states had paid theirs off and did not want to help northern states to pay off theirs
- Compromise – the nation's capital would be located in the South

