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## From Isolation to Leadership

### I

#### ORIGIN OF THE POLICY OF ISOLATION

THE Monroe Doctrine and the policy of political isolation are two phases of American diplomacy so closely related that very few writers appear to draw any distinction between them. The Monroe Doctrine was in its origin nothing more than the assertion, with special application to the American continents, of the right of independent states to pursue their own careers without fear or threat of intervention, domination, or subjugation by other states. President Monroe announced to the world that this principle would be upheld by the United States in this hemisphere. The policy of isolation was the outgrowth of Washington's warning against *permanent* alliances and Jefferson's warning against *entangling* alliances. Both Washington and Jefferson had in mind apparently the form of European alliance common in their day,