**Cabinet Battle #1**

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[WASHINGTON]

[Ladies and gentlemen, you coulda been anywhere in the world tonight, but you’re here with us in New York City.](http://genius.com/7865550/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Ladies-and-gentlemen-you-coulda-been-anywhere-in-the-world-tonight-but-youre-here-with-us-in-new-york-city) [Are you ready for a cabinet meeting???](http://genius.com/7890618/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/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](http://genius.com/7927272/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/The-issue-on-the-table-secretary-hamiltons-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.](http://genius.com/7878142/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Life-liberty-and-the-pursuit-of-happiness-we-fought-for-these-ideals-we-shouldnt-settle-for-less-these-are-wise-words-enterprising-men-quote-em)

[These are wise words, enterprising men quote ‘em](http://genius.com/7878142/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Life-liberty-and-the-pursuit-of-happiness-we-fought-for-these-ideals-we-shouldnt-settle-for-less-these-are-wise-words-enterprising-men-quote-em)

[Don’t act surprised, you guys, cuz I wrote ‘em](http://genius.com/7878077/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Dont-act-surprised-you-guys-cuz-i-wrote-em-jefferson-madison-oww)

[[JEFFERSON/MADISON]](http://genius.com/7878077/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Dont-act-surprised-you-guys-cuz-i-wrote-em-jefferson-madison-oww)

[Oww](http://genius.com/7878077/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Dont-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.](http://genius.com/7878954/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/His-plan-would-have-the-government-assume-states-debts-now-place-your-bets-as-to-who-that-benefits-the-very-seat-of-government-where-hamilton-sits)

[Now, place your bets as to who that benefits:](http://genius.com/7878954/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/His-plan-would-have-the-government-assume-states-debts-now-place-your-bets-as-to-who-that-benefits-the-very-seat-of-government-where-hamilton-sits)

[The very seat of government where Hamilton sits](http://genius.com/7878954/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/His-plan-would-have-the-government-assume-states-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.](http://genius.com/7867298/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Ooh-if-the-shoe-fits-wear-it-if-new-yorks-in-debt-why-should-virginia-bear-it)

[If New York’s in debt— Why should Virginia bear it?](http://genius.com/7867298/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Ooh-if-the-shoe-fits-wear-it-if-new-yorks-in-debt-why-should-virginia-bear-it)

[Uh! Our debts are paid, I’m afraid](http://genius.com/7940720/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Uh-our-debts-are-paid-im-afraid-dont-tax-the-south-cuz-we-got-it-made-in-the-shade)

[Don’t tax the South cuz we got it made in the shade](http://genius.com/7940720/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Uh-our-debts-are-paid-im-afraid-dont-tax-the-south-cuz-we-got-it-made-in-the-shade)

[In Virginia, we plant seeds in the ground](http://genius.com/7935174/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/In-virginia-we-plant-seeds-in-the-ground)

[We create. You just wanna move our money around](http://genius.com/7878825/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/We-create-you-just-wanna-move-our-money-around)

[This financial plan is an outrageous demand](http://genius.com/8098930/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/This-financial-plan-is-an-outrageous-demand)

[And it’s too many darn pages for any man to understand](http://genius.com/7929836/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/And-its-too-many-damn-pages-for-any-man-to-understand)

[Stand with me in the land of the free](http://genius.com/8098990/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Stand-with-me-in-the-land-of-the-free)

[And pray to God we never see Hamilton’s candidacy](http://genius.com/7945249/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/And-pray-to-god-we-never-see-hamiltons-candidacy)

[Look, when Britain taxed our tea, we got frisky](http://genius.com/7927281/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Look-when-britain-taxed-our-tea-we-got-frisky)

[Imagine what gon’ happen when you try to tax our whisky](http://genius.com/7866870/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/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](http://genius.com/7878151/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Thomas-that-was-a-real-nice-declaration-welcome-to-the-present-were-running-a-real-nation)

[Welcome to the present, we’re running a real nation](http://genius.com/7878151/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Thomas-that-was-a-real-nice-declaration-welcome-to-the-present-were-running-a-real-nation)

Would you like to join us, [or stay mellow](http://genius.com/7856422/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Or-stay-mellow-doin-whatever-the-hell-it-is-you-do-in-monticello)

[Doin’ whatever the heck it is you do in Monticello?](http://genius.com/7856422/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Or-stay-mellow-doin-whatever-the-hell-it-is-you-do-in-monticello)

[If we assume the debts, the union gets](http://genius.com/7958584/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/If-we-assume-the-debts-the-union-gets-a-new-line-of-credit)

[A new line of credit](http://genius.com/7958584/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/If-we-assume-the-debts-the-union-gets-a-new-line-of-credit), [a financial diuretic](http://genius.com/7926389/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/A-financial-diuretic)

[How do you not get it?](http://genius.com/7958584/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/If-we-assume-the-debts-the-union-gets-a-new-line-of-credit)

[If we’re aggressive and competitive](http://genius.com/7958584/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/If-we-assume-the-debts-the-union-gets-a-new-line-of-credit)

[The union gets a boost. You’d rather give it a sedative?](http://genius.com/7958584/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/If-we-assume-the-debts-the-union-gets-a-new-line-of-credit)

[A civics lesson from a slaver. Hey neighbor](http://genius.com/7856434/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/A-civics-lesson-from-a-slaver-hey-neighbor-your-debts-are-paid-cuz-you-dont-pay-for-labor-we-plant-seeds-in-the-south-we-create-yeah-keep-ranting-we-know-whos-really-doing-the-planting)

[Your debts are paid cuz you don’t pay for labor](http://genius.com/7856434/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/A-civics-lesson-from-a-slaver-hey-neighbor-your-debts-are-paid-cuz-you-dont-pay-for-labor-we-plant-seeds-in-the-south-we-create-yeah-keep-ranting-we-know-whos-really-doing-the-planting)

[“We plant seeds in the South. We create.”](http://genius.com/7856434/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/A-civics-lesson-from-a-slaver-hey-neighbor-your-debts-are-paid-cuz-you-dont-pay-for-labor-we-plant-seeds-in-the-south-we-create-yeah-keep-ranting-we-know-whos-really-doing-the-planting)

[Yeah, keep ranting](http://genius.com/7856434/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/A-civics-lesson-from-a-slaver-hey-neighbor-your-debts-are-paid-cuz-you-dont-pay-for-labor-we-plant-seeds-in-the-south-we-create-yeah-keep-ranting-we-know-whos-really-doing-the-planting)

[We know who’s really doing the planting](http://genius.com/7856434/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/A-civics-lesson-from-a-slaver-hey-neighbor-your-debts-are-paid-cuz-you-dont-pay-for-labor-we-plant-seeds-in-the-south-we-create-yeah-keep-ranting-we-know-whos-really-doing-the-planting)

[And another thing, Mr. Age of Enlightenment](http://genius.com/7927284/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/And-another-thing-mr-age-of-enlightenment)

[Don’t lecture me about the war, you didn’t fight in it](http://genius.com/7866859/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Dont-lecture-me-about-the-war-you-didnt-fight-in-it)

You think I’m frightened of you, man?

[We almost died in a trench](http://genius.com/7909577/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/We-almost-died-in-a-trench)

[While you were off drinking wine with the French](http://genius.com/7921399/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/While-you-were-off-getting-high-with-the-french)

[Thomas Jefferson, always hesitant with the President](http://genius.com/7878205/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Thomas-jefferson-always-hesitant-with-the-president)

[Reticent—there isn’t a plan he doesn’t jettison](http://genius.com/8108132/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Reticentthere-isnt-a-plan-he-doesnt-jettison)

[Madison, you’re mad as a hatter, son, take your medicine](http://genius.com/7878987/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Madison-youre-mad-as-a-hatter-son-take-your-medicine)

[Darn, you’re in worse shape than the national debt is in](http://genius.com/8037121/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Damn-youre-in-worse-shape-than-the-national-debt-is-in)

[Sittin’ there useless as two spits](http://genius.com/7878220/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Sittin-there-useless-as-two-shits)

[Hey, turn around, bend over, I’ll show you  Where my shoe fits](http://genius.com/7950328/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Hey-turn-around-bend-over-ill-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!](http://genius.com/8036986/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Excuse-me-jefferson-madison-take-a-walk-hamilton-take-a-walk-well-reconvene-after-a-brief-recess-hamilton-hamilton-sir-washington-a-word)

[[HAMILTON]](http://genius.com/8036986/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Excuse-me-jefferson-madison-take-a-walk-hamilton-take-a-walk-well-reconvene-after-a-brief-recess-hamilton-hamilton-sir-washington-a-word)

[Sir!](http://genius.com/8036986/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Excuse-me-jefferson-madison-take-a-walk-hamilton-take-a-walk-well-reconvene-after-a-brief-recess-hamilton-hamilton-sir-washington-a-word)

[[WASHINGTON]](http://genius.com/8036986/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Excuse-me-jefferson-madison-take-a-walk-hamilton-take-a-walk-well-reconvene-after-a-brief-recess-hamilton-hamilton-sir-washington-a-word)

[A word](http://genius.com/8036986/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Excuse-me-jefferson-madison-take-a-walk-hamilton-take-a-walk-well-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!](http://genius.com/7856549/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Aha-ha-ha-ha)

[JEFFERSON/MADISON]

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

[JEFFERSON]

[Such a blunder](http://genius.com/7856549/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Aha-ha-ha-ha)

[sometimes it makes me wonder](http://genius.com/7856549/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Aha-ha-ha-ha)

[why I even bring the thunder](http://genius.com/7856549/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Aha-ha-ha-ha)

[MADISON]

[Why he even brings the thunder…](http://genius.com/7856549/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Aha-ha-ha-ha)

[WASHINGTON]

You wanna pull yourself together?

[HAMILTON]

[I’m sorry, these Virginians are birds of a feather](http://genius.com/7932448/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Im-sorry-these-virginians-are-birds-of-a-feather)

[WASHINGTON]

[Young man, I’m from Virginia, so watch your mouth](http://genius.com/7908080/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Young-man-im-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](http://genius.com/7943783/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/James-madison-wont-talk-to-me-thats-a-nonstarter)

[WASHINGTON]

[Winning was easy, young man. Governing’s harder](http://genius.com/7856447/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Winning-was-easy-young-man-governings-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!](http://genius.com/7932423/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/But-they-dont-have-a-plan-they-just-hate-mine)

[WASHINGTON]

[Convince them otherwise](http://genius.com/8286811/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/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.](http://genius.com/7953827/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Figure-it-out-alexander)

[That’s an order from your commander](http://genius.com/7905428/Lin-manuel-miranda-cabinet-battle-1/Thats-an-order-from-your-commander)