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Jefferson vs. Hamilton

State Power and Federal Power

WASHINGTON:

"I'm George Washington. Now, you two are in my cabinet, and I need you to get along. Hamilton? Jefferson? Jefferson?"

JEFFERSON:

I'm Thomas Jefferson, you can call me TJ,
When I open the White House door in my PJs.
From Virginia; I built a mansion second to none,
That's Monticello — and all the Southern farmers can come.
I wrote the Declaration — no big deal — then I went to France,
Everybody wanted to do the Jefferson dance.
I came back, George Washington was elected as pres,
I hoped that the post wouldn't go to his head.
Then he tapped me for cabinet,
And then he chose Alexander Hamilton, and man I wasn't having it.
'Cause Alexander Hamilton is acting like a chump,
Mess around with the states, you're gonna get dumped.
I like states' rights, we don't want to be a Britain,
With a big king hidden where the president is sitting.
We need to keep the power in the hands of the locals,
You can't see it, go ask Ben for bifocals!

We need the power at the level of the states,
The Southern way probably going to rattle up the bass.
Nuh-uh — we need the power at the level of the feds,
Shot-callers at the top, or you're going to lose your head.

HAMILTON:

Now, Washington wants us all to get along,
Forget that, we're beefing like you hear in this song.
We need a big government; small governments stink,
'Cause small governments can't do big things.
What you gonna do without cash?
Let's build a national bank, that'll be a smash.
You can't speak, I'm too witty, from the big city,
You rep the farm, Tom, it's a little itty-bitty.
The future's going to be factories and smoke,
The North has the power and you just don't know.
You talk liberty, Tom; now ha, that's a joke!
You own slaves, what you think we don't know?
Liberty for all men, right, Thomas?
Oh, unless you own them; you're a hypocrite, right, Thomas?
You'll be on the \$2 bill, a useless note,
I'll have my face on the ten, 'cause I bank like a pro.

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