Diplomatic history is making something of a comeback. After Hamish Scott's excellent volume on foreign policy at the time of the American Revolution, we now have Jeremy Black on the subsequent period, British Foreign Policy in an Age of Revolutions, 1783-1793 (Cambridge: U.P., 1994; pp. xiv + 559. [pounds]60; pb. [pounds]24.95). It is an impressive and scholarly book. This is a difficult historical genre to handle and makes great demands on the author, not only in knowledge of languages and foreign archives but also in fitting it into the rest of the historical scene. The student of diplomatic history has two tasks - to expound the various crises and relationships, and to attempt to assess success or...

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