

are in a state of insanity, and that every thing done by them in that condition against their interest or inclinations, will be interpreted void, and by no means obligatory on them. If they had taken these things into consideration, their conduct must have been of a different nature ; but as the die is cast, and things must take their course, I hope that the wisdom of the British councils, the unanimity of our people, the bravery of our troops, and the thunder of our ships, will teach them this lesson, that this great kingdom is at all times able to maintain its honour, and to chastize, with becoming resentment, the folly of her sons, and the insolence of all their abettors.

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