

former has the air of a poor and cowardly yielding, leaving them all their force uncontrolled, and their league with France and Spain entire." The latter I think a dreadful alternative, for should the Thirteen Colonies be severed from us, we may still, perhaps, exist as a people, never as a great people. In the dying words of Lord Chatham, "*it is a total dismemberment of the* British Empire ; that empire which his Majesty received entire from his progenitors, and which was guaranteed to the heirs of the Princess Sophia." " The Prince of Wales (he said) might demand his inheritance."

In short, Sir, it is a step I think little short of despair should drive us to, and nothing without an absolute renunciation of their league with the House of Bourbon.

As to the other, *of offering no conditions at all*, whoever thinks this is a wound *ense recidendum*, to be cured by the sword alone, errs fatally in my opinion ; we have tried  
that