

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  
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