

“ the human Mind, who cannot foresee those  
 “ Events, as clearly as any thing can be disco-  
 “ vered, that lies concealed in the Womb of  
 “ Time. It is no Gift of Prophecy, it is only  
 “ the natural and unavoidable Consequences of  
 “ such and such Measures, and must appear so  
 “ to every Man whose Head is not too much af-  
 “ fected with popular Madness, or political En-  
 “ thusiasm.”

Now, Sir, if you had understood the Govern-  
 ment or Constitution of the *British* Settlements in  
*North America*, I think you could have hardly  
 suggested any thing of this Kind. The Provinces  
 are so many Districts, like petty States; each Pro-  
 vince governed by its own Laws; these Laws  
 framed by the legislative Body of each Province,  
 adapted to their own particular Constitution, and  
 not any ways relative to their neighbouring Dis-  
 tricts. There can be no Appeal from one Court  
 of Judicature in one Province, to any other Court  
 in another; each Province having its own parti-  
 cular Head or Governor. Were the *British* Set-  
 tlements in *North America* governed in the same  
 Manner as *Ireland*, by a Lord Lieutenant, we  
 might then have some Reason to be apprehensive  
 of a Revolution, in a Course of Years: But a  
 general revolting can by no Means be thought  
 compatible with the present System of their Con-  
 stitution.