

termine exactly what he intends by such unaccountable behaviour; whether to reduce this distracted country to the last extremity of distress, and then step in as *perpetual dictator*; or to transport himself to America, and head the deluded colonists, whom he has encouraged to rebellion. If this latter is the case, I heartily wish him a safe voyage; for if Britain gives up her power of taxing the Colonies, what does it signify to whom they belong? so far from being an advantage to the Mother Country, they will become her greatest burden; as they will resemble, in the body politic, what wens and imposthumes are, in the body natural, which draw to them a disproportionate share of the blood and juices, without affording in return the least support or nourishment. Considered in this light, they are no other than excrescences; that while they belong to us, must inevitably weaken and impoverish us; and had better be cut off entirely, than retain so unnatural an union.

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