

together, has for Moral the Danger there is of having too potent Neighbours—— What must the Danger be then for Inferiors, where two, the most potent Neighbours, quarrel?—— It is very well if the first do not receive many Blows in the Conflict from both Sides, and at last have the Battle ended at the Price of their Property, which must be applied to assuage their Opponents. The most refined Politic then for all the subordinate *European* Powers, is to prevent as much as possible the War in *America* from reaching to *Europe*—— or even of its discontinuing in *America*.

But suppose, my Lord, in spite of all their Efforts, the *Hydra* War should swim across the wide *Atlantic Sea* and land upon the Continent of *Europe*. Can any one then imagine the subordinate Powers will not for their own Safety (at least the Expectation of it) join in the then common Cause, and side with the most powerful or most advantageous Party? No, my

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