

from the continent. I would by no means, my Lord, be understood, by these favourable sentiments of Shirley, to disparage his noble Successor in the command, he yet has not, at least he deserves not to have, a single enemy amongst us : and I hope it will serve the purposes of no man to be his enemy. I could only have wished, that at this critical juncture, a gentleman so thoroughly versed in American affairs, had been continued in America for his Lordship's assistance. We have to contend with a subtle enterprising foe --- a foe, rapacious, martial, and bloody, committing murders, rather than waging war. Tho' the French colony contains perhaps not 30,000 men capable to bear arms ; yet these are all under the despotic command and sole direction of their governor-general ; and experience teaches us, that in spite of our navy, they may be annually reinforced. The strength of our colonies, on the other hand, is divided ; and the concurrence of all necessary both for supplies of men and money. Jealous are they of each other --- some ill-constituted --- others shaken with intestine divisions --- and, if I may be allowed the expression, parsimonious even to prodigality. Our assemblies are diffident of their governors --- governors despise their assemblies, and both mutually misrepresent each other to the Court of Great Britain. Military measures demand