

but every novice in the history of mankind must know, that to shake the confidence of an army in its general, or of a fleet in its admiral, or to turn the respect due to *them, towards the ministers of a country* who are *sometimes* in opposition to the interests of these commanders, must endanger the event of every action, whatever may be the proportion of the force they are engaged with.

But *you* will not forgive that author, who by falsehoods, fallacies, and invective vilifies the *honor of a nation* to protect *those* from punishment, who, with the fullest powers to crush rebellion, to prevent a war, to secure the country from loss and disgrace, have laid us prostrate at the foot of rebellion; have plunged us in the most dangerous and unequal war, without allies, with an inferiority at sea, which has almost brought the security of these islands into dispute.

When you have considered and disposed of the two material objects which have been mentioned in the beginning of this letter, America and Ireland, you will be at leisure to investigate the causes which have hurried us to this brink of ruin: and when you have discovered the movers or the promoters of them, with the same spirit which has given liberty and peace to a continent, and the participation of commercial benefits to your fellow subjects, you will execute that final act of justice, which will be a worthy accompaniment to such an exercise of your power, and which will be revered by a grateful posterity!

I have the honor to be,

with the truest respect,

Yours, &c.