

quered nation. This was a prospect which they could not fail to behold in their cooler moments: they ought to reflect, that the successes they had met with, were accidental, and owing to fortuitous causes, which would not long subsist. When they saw the force of Great Britain approaching in full array, they would then discover how arduous a task they had undertaken, and begin to think themselves mistaken, in rating their strength so high as they had been induced to do by some unexpected events, which, however favourably they might seem to omen to their wishes, might in the end prove much more delusive than serviceable.

Such were the representations of that party which adhered to the ministry. In order to make them good, and effectually to silence the animadversions of delay and want of vigour, to which they had hitherto been exposed, it was resolved to prosecute the war Britain was now engaged in, with all the strength and might of which the realm was capable. Such a force should be provided for that purpose, as should display to the European world the immensity of the British power, and what resources this kingdom possessed, when it became necessary to employ them. America should stand astonished at the greatness of these efforts; and unless misled by wilful infatuation, would clearly perceive the unavailingness of all endeavours to withstand them.

Thus they should compass the two points they had most at heart; they should reconcile firmness with lenity. It would then be acknowledged by all impartial people, that they had behaved with the constitutional moderation that became a British ministry; and on the failure of that, had exerted themselves, as it was their duty to do who directed the affairs of a brave and potent nation.

This manner of reasoning, and this plan of acting, were, altogether, not unacceptable to the tem-