

the peaceful Empire of England will again be stretched over America : her inhabitants, having seen the effects of trusting to such men, will quietly submit to that parental authority which may probably forgive the returning penitent. At such a moment England will again resume her former glory. Her rights will again be established on a secure foundation. The disputable points will be done away ; and if any acts of favour may be intended towards America, she can then perform them with dignity and liberality. Those insane people whom you describe as rejoicing in the conquest of America, rejoice on rational principles, because they are convinced that there is no other possible means of terminating the present war, of which every good man would wish to see the conclusion. Notwithstanding what you are pleased to assert, the people of America wish it likewise. The natural devastations of war are always terrible, but doubly so to those who are in the midst of them. Have not they who have already submitted to Government willingly renounced their errors ? And if any have been weak and wicked enough to return to their offences, you will not, I presume, draw any argument of the justice of the cause itself from those who say every thing to all men, who violate their oaths, and disregard their faith--- from those who set at nought perjury and prostitution.

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