

considers, that though some of the ablest men in different ages and nations have proposed different forms of government, yet they widely differ from each other, and no one of them has met with universal approbation.—If America could detach herself from Great Britain, without being guilty of ingratitude, and the most notorious injustice; without the ruin of her trade, the destruction of her fairest towns, the misery and slaughter of her inhabitants, yet the wisest may doubt whether it would be a desirable event; and whether they were not changing an excellent form of government for a bad one. If the different provinces of America were formed into separate independant states, and united in a general confederacy, what security is there that they would continue long in peace? Connecticut and Pennsylvania are even now at variance about the limits of their provinces, notwithstanding their union against Great Britain, and fourscore of one party were killed in the contest last year. Are the inhabitants of America more wise? more virtuous? or less avaricious than the ancient Grecians; who by their dissensions so weakened each other as to become an easy prey to their common enemy.

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