

and have had the Experience of the War, whether you did not then suffer yourself to be carried away, perhaps interceptibly, by the Tide of Party? If it be so, you need not blush at the Avowal, the Current of Party having often swept away the Resolution, and even the Understanding of Men of the greatest Probity and Fortitude.

Party Animosity has been productive of infinite Evil among us in latter Days; yet of all the Evils it has produced, you will agree the *Spanish* War not to have been the least. It has already subsisted too long; wherefore it should be not only the Desire of every good Subject to wish it ended, but his Business to contribute the putting a good and speedy End to it.

'Tis therefore, because I think it my Duty to offer my Mite, while a Congress for a general Peace is subsisting, that I venture to publish my Thoughts concerning the Difficulties that appear to me most likely to retard or impede the Peace.

Could we detach *Spain* from *France*, and wean ourselves from an Appetite for a Land War, I should not care how long the Contest with *France* continued. But as we can have but very distant, if any Hopes of either, I am for a general Peace, if it can be
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