

shall we, even in this View of Things, apologize for the M——rs who were drawn into so palpable a Mistake?

THOUGH it might be allowed, that Merchants may be vindicated in not understanding to what Part of the *American* Continent a Military Force ought to be sent, which was destined to attack Fort *Lequesne*, yet a M——r whose peculiar Province it is to superintend the public Welfare, the Lives, Properties, Advantages, and Commerce of his Fellow-Subjects in Peace and War, cannot avoid Condemnation for such mistaken and fatal Judgment.

THERE may indeed be Men who may imagine, that this Quaker was truly acquainted with the Difference and Disadvantage which attended *Virginia* more than *Pensylvania*, and that Self-Interest, more than the public Welfare, weighed in obtaining the Troops being sent to the Colony of *Virginia*. If this Notion should meet a general Reception among Mankind, how shall we then account for a M——r's being duped to the Interest of a private Quaker, or reconcile national Disgrace and slender Intellects, with the Duty of Directing