

that “ *All men will now confess the Americans have a bad and wicked cause; that they have no just object to contend for, being now united with France, for the professed purpose of reducing this country; that all good men ought to join most heartily to oppose them.* ”

As one assertion without proof, is as good as another, I shall beg leave to reply, that the Americans having been first attacked, are justified by all laws, human and divine, in having defended themselves, and to have acted otherwise, they would have acted weakly, if not wickedly. The objects they originally contended for, are their liberty, and their property; neither of which can be safe whilst a British fleet is upon their coasts, and a British army in their country. Their alliance with France is evidently founded upon self-preservation. How could they balance between the foe, who was burning, murdering, and destroying, and the friend who stretched out a helping hand for their salvation? Could we, could any nation in the world, place any confidence in these people, or trust to any future treaty
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