

*“ To you, Sirs, and your honours, I be-  
 “ queath it.”*

Form it, fashion it, as you please; but do not cut the babe in twain; leave it that vital principle; that spirit which alone can make it an honour to its parent, or an advantage to the publick.

There remains now but one consideration more, though that a most important one; namely, what hopes we have any reasonable ground to form of its success: And here, Sir, I know the many difficulties the subject labours under, and how many adverse opinions I have to struggle with: some are for no terms, no offers at all: some will think them too large: some are for withdrawing the troops, and some for giving absolute independence. I know besides the difficulty of obtaining any peace in our present situation; but I beg the House to recollect that if the difficulty is great, the prize is inestimable.

As to withdrawing the troops, or granting independence, I shall say little. The  
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