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advantages to become disputable, by suffering them to be invaded, without an immediate proper resentment: and after she has come to the resolution of asserting them, she has too easily condescended to a treaty; and at length been contented, or made satisfied, with a division. It is this kind of conduct, that I doubt we shall have more reason to be afraid of, hereafter, than we seem to be at present, least the ministry should not grant us a subsidy. For, after all the inconveniences which we must inevitably go through, after the great expences and losses we must actually suffer, as well in lives, as in matters of property, before we shall be able to regain our forts and frontiers; if there should be any composition made with the French, as to the lands on this side the Mississippi, it will be only protracting the evil day, and prove to be so much blood and treasure expended to little purpose. For how can our colonies be ever safe with a French enemy on their backs? Or, whilst such a danger is hanging over them, what security can be given to the industrious, that they shall reap the fruit of their own labours?

To conclude, we desire to be considered only as a petty German Prince, with relation to your liberality; but with respect to the rights of the British empire, and the rights of industrious subjects, we hope to be empowered and encouraged not only to assert, but to recover, to defend and enjoy them in their full and just extent, in spite
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