

to the means of annoyance, possessed by America, are, that she would be able to harass the British trade, particularly in the West Indies ; and also, that she would be able to conquer Canada. The first of these temptations to war is too ridiculous to require any comment ; and as to the second, even admitting that America has the means of subduing Canada, it is certain that she would suffer a much greater misfortune, in the acquisition of this province, than Britain would sustain, from the loss of it. The Canadians are by no means a people well calculated to form a constituent member of a republican confederation : and besides, the territory of the United States being at present too extensive, the addition of the immense province of Canada would only increase the already imminent danger of disunion. The conquest of Canada, in 1763, was one of the immediate causes of the revolution of 1775. As soon as they were relieved from the pressure of an enemy on their frontier, the colonists began to quarrel with the mother country : and should the United States be now relieved from the salutary neighbour-