

and wish for nothing so ardently as to gratify their resentments, by conquering their islands and settlements, and seizing their treasures. It is a noble thirst, which nothing but the very objects themselves ought to quench; and must be completely done, in order to secure us from future danger, or in a few years we shall have another war.

As the French ministry have long made it clearly manifest that they never had any thing but sinister views in all the negociations for peace hitherto set on foot, it becomes the duty of all honest men to join in defeating their purposes, by refusing, as well to offer terms, as to listen to any that may be offered, till they are so exhausted in both riches and strength as to be no longer formidable, and consequently no longer dangerous.

As there is more of distrust than sincerity to be expected from our enemies, have we not reason to suspect that there is some view for setting on foot this negociation? that it is done with a design to accomplish a cessation of arms for a limited time? or, at least, to make us relax in our measures; to call home our fleet, in order to furnish an opportunity for the Spanish register-ships, and French St. Domingo men, to get safe into their ports? by which the coffers of their