

*and violation of solemn agreements*, the Congress have, I presume, given at least plausible reasons. We have this obligation to them, however, that they have not retaliated upon us the treatment of Colonel Allen; that they have not obliged their prisoners to fight against their country, and have not sent them to despair and die, far from their friends, their families, and their country, in the East and West-Indies, and upon the more unwholesome coast of Africa. It becomes us, indeed, to talk of chicane, who have observed for three years past no other law than that of the strongest, and who have left no other alternative to our late fellow-subjects than death or ruin, or unconditional submission.

I now come to a part of the Gentleman's speech, which I think deserving of the most rigorous animadversion. He says, *it was ten to one that Admiral Keppel, with so superior a force, would have destroyed half, or the greatest part of the French fleet.* I wish to God the officers of *this* country would leave gasconading to the inhabitants of *that* where the Garonne flows, and not invade the pri-