

deliver Canada and Nova Scotia fettered into the hands of Congress, to lay open the fisheries to France and to America? Or was the work still incomplete, while a single province remained to England?

Perhaps I shall be told, that " the Floridas
 " were onerous to this country ; that they
 " were infertile wastes, unwholesome, un-
 " settled, and productive of scarce any re-
 " venue to the Crown." Even was I to
 allow these arguments, and grant these asser-
 tions in their full force, which I am far, how-
 ever, from doing, I reply, that their *local* situa-
 tion rendered them invaluable to us. They
 command in a great measure the communi-
 cation with the River Mississippi, and the in-
 terior parts of Carolina and Georgia. They
 furnish some very essential articles, particularly
 naval stores ; and lumber for the West-India
 islands. They will be felt in a future war, as
 a severe curb on the trade with Jamaica. In
 any case, the preservation of one or both
 might have done honour to your humanity ;
 and they would at least have formed some
 asylum, however desert or inhospitable, for

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