

as Builders do the Scaffolding of an Edifice, which is thrown aside as soon as the Work is finished.

Without intending to asperse any Set of Men whatever, I think I could prove that the present War with *Spain* might have been avoided with Honour and Safety, if the Minds of the People had not industriously been put into a Ferment, by Men who have not since proved themselves to be equal to their Professions. But, Sir, 'tis evident from your Conduct down to this Time, that you acted from Conviction; but a Conviction, which, I beg Leave to say, was ill founded; and which, I am assured, you yourself are by this Time convinced not to have been founded on such Principles as are shaped to the true Interest of a trading People.

But I will suppose, like many other worthy and well-meaning Gentlemen, that you expected our naval Force would have brought *Spain* to Submission in a few Months. But had you thought the War would hold to this Time, I am satisfied you would have advised the grafting a Peace and Harmony on that *Convention* which you join'd to oppose.

I have already said, that you opposed that Compact, as thinking it an unsafe Measure. But, Sir, let me ask you, now you are cool,
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