

should so prevail as to terrify us from attacking Quebec and Montreal, and totally driving them out of all that Continent now we have it in our Power, it will be giving the French Time to send more Troops there, and oblige us to keep a continual Standing Army, to guard our Frontiers, 'till we are quite exhausted, and then declare War, when we are not in a Condition to oppose them. Therefore, the driving them back into their own Colonies will serve only to bring on an Expence which may become Ten Times greater than what is now required to do the Business effectually, and our Trade to all America fall a declining all the while.

The French have already so wormed us out of all the Spanish Trade to America as to draw a Balance of above Two Millions Sterling; and, as they have seen the Spanish Depredations taken so little Notice of, they have been encouraged to do the same by taking and confiscating several of our Ships on Pretence of their approaching too near their Sugar Islands, when in reality they only pass and repass to and from our own Islands and Colonies, and sometimes are drove upon their Coast by meer Strefs of Weather. They have also possessed themselves of several of the Neutral Islands.

Their lately forcing and defeating our Troops in Virginia has put that Colony, Maryland, Carolina, and Georgia, into such Confusion, that the Consequence may soon prove dreadful; because that, in all those Four Colonies, there are above Eight Negroe slaves to each White Man, who, if the French do but promise them Liberty, may rise and massacre every White Man, Woman, and Child, in the said Colonies. These poor People have been crying out to their Mother Country for Help these Two Years, but were told by our wise Politicians, *They must defend themselves with their Militia*. It's true, that their Number of Militia may amount to several Thousands; but, as both Master and Man of all the White Men in those said Colonies are upon their List of Militia, and must go to fight the French Regular Troops, they would make a worse Figure than our's did in the late Rebellion, because these had only a Pack of Rag a-muffins to deal with. Their Families also must, at the same Time, be left to the Mercy of their Negroe slaves; and this must be the Case eternally, except we either always keep a large Body of Regular Troops upon the Frontiers of each of our Colonies, or totally drive the French out of all that Continent.

To leave these Colonies under their present miserable Condition, or not to endeavour effectually to protect them for the future,