

L E T T E R XXVII.

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LIVES there a man in his Majesty's Dominions, that does not see that this Kingdom requires immediate relief from the various disorders that attend its Political State? Who does not see that the *wire has been drawn too fine*, and that we had extended ourselves beyond the line of discretion? Is it not discoverable to all, that the returns from our acquisitions of last war, have never answered the expence attending their Civil and Military Establishments; and from that cause, with others co-operating, very little could be done in the time of the most profound Peace, *towards disburthening* ourselves of the National Debt? Have we not, with all our successes and acquisitions of former wars, been continually *mortgaging our Property here*, to obtain an Ideal Property in a Country which may never again acknowledge our superiority? Would we not account an individual a *proper subject for Bedlam*, who would alienate his Property in Freehold Land, to purchase Quit-Rents in a distant Country, the title to which was litigated, and where the people did not acknowledge the jurisdiction of our Courts? Is not this Nation now in that state with respect to America? Will it not always be the interest of France, Spain, and America, to act in concert until they have each attained the object of their several pursuits? and would it not therefore be better to look upon America as *no longer under Parliamentary controul*?

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