

## L E T T E R XXVII.

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**L**IVES 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* ?