

which we shall ask; upon representing that at *Aix*, we did not rightly understand what we were upon, and praying Relief like *Infants*, who have done an Act of which they were not competent Judges? Will that Conduct which was so deficient at *Aix*, be more prevalent at *Madrid* under greater Disadvantages? will *Spain* merely to gratify a late Foe, renounce that Dominion which she claims over the *American* Seas, and has defended at so great an Expence? No. If she now grants, we must pay what she shall reckon an Equivalent. We must now purchase, what we might have lately demanded at *Aix*, and if we had demanded with a proper Spirit, must have obtained. May *Gibraltar* never be that Purchase! My Heart forebodes ill, tho' the Ministerial Efforts made in the City by Means of an eminent Citizen, have had no other Effect than to *recoil* on himself. Heavens! Will the Disgraces and Calamities of this Country never have an End!

After having look'd on all Sides, I can see no Probability of the Permanency of this Peace but from one Quarter, our Inability of re-commencing

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