

the chapter of accidents, while the American takes it for the favour of Omnipotence, on which he rests, in sure and certain hope of a glorious escape from the hand of oppression. Let us, however, view this subject in another light; let us suppose that success should, on some occasions, attend your arms, still the prospect of conquering the Americans must be very distant. There are many instances on record, of people contending for liberty; if there had been none besides those of the Swiss cantons and Dutch united provinces, they must have taught us that the battle is not always to the strong. I think there never has been an instance of people being subdued, who fought in such a cause as now inspires the Americans, with such numbers and such advantages on their side. You mean to risque all on a desperate effort. If you could gain a victory or two, and advance a few miles into the country, you are taught to believe that all would be safe. Strange as it may seem, I shall venture to say, that a little success must prove a dangerous thing to this nation. While desolation and the rage of war has not involved the whole continent, the breach might still be healed, if healing measures should be attempted. When you have routed some of their armies, destroyed their chief cities, and laid waste part of their country, the wound may have gone too deep, the disease may be past cure. The time may soon come when Great Britain, of all the maritime states in Europe, shall have the smallest chance of being allied to North America. In-