

the unfortunate conclusion of the last campaign in the Chesapeake ; — which latter I am sorry to observe, were given to the public, while mine in answer were withheld from it ; --- I hope without design.

Although I never dared promise myself that any exertions of mine, with my very reduced force (nearly one-third less than that of my predecessor) could bring the war to a happy conclusion ; yet I confess that the campaign of 1781 terminated very differently from what I once flattered myself it would ; as may appear, by the subjoined extracts of letters, written in the beginning of that year, \* and which were  
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\* " I am most exceedingly concerned, my Lord, at the very unfortunate affair of the 17th of January, (Cowper's.) I confess I dread the consequence. But my hope is, as it ever will be, in your Lordship's abilities and exertions. I have much to lament, that F. J. Adier-general Arnold's projected move in favour of your  
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