

long and intimate knowledge of causes and effects : not the reveries of a philosopher in his closet, but the practical observations of those who are nearest to, if not themselves actually conversant in, public business. The increasing influence of the crown in the house of commons seems to be your immediate danger, and demands the most jealous attention. Whilst your king has so large a power to bribe, I fear you will seldom find parliament resist his dictates, unless in extreme cases, where resistance comes too late. Upon the whole, however, you actually enjoy a larger share of civil liberty, under your present government, than any other state in the world. When well governed, you have exalted yourselves to a higher pitch of wealth and glory than would seem possible from the extent of your natural resources.

All things are indeed perishable ; and states, like every thing else, " await the inevitable hour ;" but maladies may be  
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