

Should you, however, after settling this point in your own mind, proceed to any degree of curiosity for what further may be expected from this measure of an enquiry, which seems but a preparatory one to an ulterior procedure upon it, it is not at least to me you must address yourself for satisfaction. The low level range of humble common sense can never pretend to reach the sublimity of those clouds in which the exalted wisdom of our councils has so long rolled, and carried the public affairs to that pitch of prosperity and renown in which they are at present so conspicuously seen. But if you will deign to accept a general rule of conjecture on any future turns of affairs that as yet lie hid within the womb of time, or in the heads of our modern statesmen; a rule that has for these many years hardly been known to fail; this it is. Imagine to yourself specifically what is most agreeable to common sense, and to the once believed just order of judgment, and then do not be *surprised* at finding the event diametrically opposite to it. In the present current of things, no oracle can afford you a surer prognostic than this method of anticipation by contraries. Should you then find a statue decreed to the great projector of this celebrated expedition, and national

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