

single, tho' indeed a most important instance, we are convinced, that those uncomfortable appearances were not owing to any defect in our inherent strength, as a nation; which must needs have been alike competent then, as now, to the maintenance of our wonted dignitie and character. This then shews us the mightie difference, that is so soon to be effected by a truly national and patriotic spirit animating those, who are entrusted with the direction of our national affairs, and that God in his providence is ever willing to help that people, who by a just sence of their dutie are inclined to exert themselves for their common safetie and defence. We have been plainly, as a nation in general, awakened of late into a more lively conviction of the part, which is severally incumbent upon us, as members of the communitie. And we see, what has been the consequence. We see the truth of that maxim, confirmed by present example and visible effects, which has been so often in theorie inculcated upon us to no purpose; that, "if we amend our ways, and our doings, the Lord will have mer-

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