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the balance of trade, or even our undoubted rights in America, let them declare, who know it. In short, and to tell the plain truth in few words, we are looked upon by your great men, as a subject too low for their sublime politics; by your country 'squires and coxcombs, as a set of transports and vagabonds; and by your boards, as unruly children, that want more to be corrected than encouraged. Thanks to their wisdom in taking so little care of our breeding!

It has been for many years past, that the French have uninterruptedly been forming a force on the back of our colonies, from the Mississippi to Canada, by gaining over the Indians to their interest and erecting forts at proper distances, which might open a ready communication from north to south. They had a triple policy in this. (1.) That by securing the alliance of the Indians, they might engross the peltry and fur-trade. (2.) That by such a chain of forts and strength, they might not only prevent the extension of our colonies, but even straiten and distress them at pleasure. (3.) That by such an establishment and possession, they might be able to preserve the back parts of America by negotiation and treaty, whenever our ministry might be provoked to look into our rights; and take up the resolution of calling them to account for such a procedure.

As far as my observation has gone, it has ever been through negligence and negotiation, that Britain has, first, permitted her proper rights and
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