

which those Colonies were founded, be according to the best Ideas of Policy, it is not my Business to inquire; but it may be thought a little hard, that a Ministry of this Day, should bear the Blame of an ill-judged Scheme, contrived and executed an hundred Years before they were born.

These Inconveniences, in the Constitution of the Colonies (for such they are at least with Respect to the present Object) which the present Ministry neither caused, nor could easily redress, begin already to be less felt, and less to impede the Designs which are carrying on for their common Preservation. What no Wisdom perhaps could have done, the Miseries felt by many, and apprehended by them all, has at length effected. These have taught them the Necessity of laying aside their Disputes amongst themselves, their Jealousies of their Neighbours, and their obstinate religious Prejudices, in favour of the common Safety. Co-operating with the beginning of this happy Disposition, the Ministry has sent over a General of Reputation and Rank; several excellent Officers under him, and a Body of regular Troops to strengthen and bring into Form the irregular Forces raised in that Country.

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