

quering them again; they are in future all to be recovered by the dint of the sword and the push of the pike; the next relation or conditions between us must be just, as the chance of arms shall decide and determine; but what ought most nearly to concern us, we have parted with a people who have for ages past been to us most cordial, as countrymen; most affectionate, as friends; most faithful, as allies; most dutiful, as descendants and dependants; and, what some may value above all, most profitable and most beneficial, as inhabitants of our provinces. All considerations of interest discarded out of the question, can any man but be moved with the reflection of our ingratitude and our insensibility towards this community, who have certainly deserved after a very different manner at our hands? If statesmen and ministers must be made of stuff fit for such measures; God grant to me and to mine an humble life, in which we may preserve some remains and sensations of humanity!

Let us however banish all these foolish feelings of the human breast; let us leave the mean subject of morality to casuists