

the respective governours or their deputies in council assembled at some proper place, nearest the center of the whole.

I speak not this, as I would be thought either to direct, or advise, but merely as an intimation that a general governour is not absolutely necessary, and a matter of some consideration, whether safe, or proper; at all events this seems a point not necessary to be resolved on, until it may with the same degree of certainty be known, whether we are to continue the war, or shall be suddenly surpris'd into a peace.

It has been partly stated how the war is likely to turn on the behalf of either nation, and it may be freely remarked here, that a peace on right principles will probably be the best for both, supposing only the money account in question; for while it is doubtful which can hold out longest, it seems clearly the interest of both, not to put it to the hazard if it can be fairly avoided; but how to adjust such a peace, is attended with difficulties that are not to be easily surmounted.

To state this matter right, we must allow something to the reasoning of our adversaries, as well as to our own; their views are