

the diversion, which the French have made for them, in the West-Indies.

What I have advanced will not appear chimerical to those who are conversant in ship-building; they know well that a frigate can be raised, from the keel to the gunwale, in less than six weeks; and, as in every province of America, there are trees and axes, and ship-builders in abundance, with a multitude of rivers and harbours, proper for the construction and launching of ships, and where the timber grows upon the very spot where it is to be put together, surely I do not advance a paradox in asserting, that, under favour of their alliance, they must and will have a marine; a marine that may hereafter be friendly, even to us, if we do not vainly attempt to tread upon and to crush it. These exertions, on their part, are the necessary and certain consequences of that unremitting acrimony with which we are pushing on the war against them; we are provoking the very extremities we threaten. Let any one cast his eye round our territories, and see in how many places we are vulnerable; let the naked coasts of