

sure, while success has generally attended the steps of the Americans. From these presages they gratefully conclude, that Providence is on their side ; while you, neither reasoning like christians nor philosophers, *but like children at play*, are pleased to suppose, that you shall *win last* because you *lose first*. You hope against evidence, and take the frowns of heaven for certain proof that you shall prosper in your iniquity. From the time of passing the Boston port-bill, which was the first unequivocal act that originated in the very spirit of despotism and revenge ; from that period the very elements have assisted in defeating your schemes. Instructions to your generals have been long at sea, while the Americans have received quick intelligence ; your soldiers, who were destined to shed blood, have been detained by adverse winds ; your ships have been severely buffeted by the storms ; more of your transports and troops have been lost, from the beginning of this social war, than were lost during the whole of the last conflict with France and Spain ; your desire was to cut off trade from Boston and starve the inhabitants ; in that very town your troops have been shut up, and almost starved to death. In all your schemes of division, seduction and "*starvation*," you have been defeated ; your projects have tended to arm, unite, and strengthen the Americans, who, on their part, have enjoyed such a series of prosperity, as neither bravery nor human wisdom alone could possibly insure. You are pleased to pass all this to
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