

doubt and deliberation. I am not sure the Americans do not think, that *when they ask for bread it is giving them a SERPENT*: I know it is the opinion of some French, and many more Americans. I do not speak at random; I have heard and seen opinions of great weight on that head: One I will name to you, Monsieur du Portail, a man of rank and character; and as they are very strong and very apposite, I will quote to you some lines out of as sensible a letter as I ever read; it is a letter from that gentleman to Monsieur de St. Germain, at that time Minister of the War department in France, written above an year ago. His words are:

“ It may be asked, whether it would
 “ not be better to send a body of twelve or
 “ fifteen thousand men hither, *Ce seroit le*
 “ *vrai moyen de tout gâter*. That would be
 “ the true way to spoil all. These people
 “ here, though at war with the English,
 “ hate the French much more than the
 “ English; and notwithstanding all that
 “ France has done, or might do for them,
 “ they would prefer a reconciliation with
 “ their