

for the speediest conclusion; for it holds out terms which the Americans at large, or any particular province, may accept when they will, and be immediately *at his Majesty's peace*; not a day, scarce an hour, need be lost in that desirable work; no previous negotiation is needful; to signify their consent is sufficient.

As to the particular terms, I have followed, pretty nearly, Lord Chatham's plan, but with some variations in the matter and manner; and it is a subject of pride to me, that I tread, though at an humble distance, in the steps of that great man, and true friend to his country.

I mean by it to remove all their just complaints, and to grant them all their just demands; to make their own petitions, in general, the ground of our concessions; to secure them all their rights, their liberty and their property, not grudgingly, but fully and freely; not slightly, nor precariously, but irrevocably; not dependent upon the caprice of any Minister,
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