

such reduction, the aforesaid system of measures, (which are described in the above paraphrase, and which I conceive to have been those which the archbishop must have had in his eye when he preached that sermon,) had been adopted by the British parliament; I must freely confess that I should have thought it a greater misfortune than even the contrary, and more probable, event, which has happened, with all the train of melancholy consequences that seem likely to accompany it; such as the loss of all our possessions both in North-America and the West-Indies, together with that of the Newfoundland fishery (though so valuable to us as a nursery for seamen,) and that of Gibraltar and Minorca, and of all our possessions in Africa and the East-Indies. These, I acknowledge, are great misfortunes: but the loss of the civil liberties of the nation, or their being rendered precarious and dependant
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