

And now, Sir, before I entirely take my leave of you, permit me to hope the same steadiness of your mind, and the same vigorous prosecution of the war, which have hitherto gained you such unusual credit from your country. There are some, and not a small number neither, who have made it their business to propagate a notion, that we have no occasion to undertake any more offensive expeditions against them, because, forsooth (as they say) “ we can have already conquered more “ than we hope to retain ; and therefore, that it would “ be putting the nation to an immense expence to no “ manner of purpose.” But how can we be said to do too much detriment to such an enemy as France ; an enemy, who still carries on the war with all the virulence of infernal fury, and who we know to be our natural rival ? And, I can farther tell these gentlemen, that our present conquests are not to be retained, because of their *extent*, but because they are *unnecessary* to be retained, and would be of *little* value to Great Britain ; such as Canada, and their East-India settlements. I own, Sir, such insinuations have chagrined me much. Wherefore are they become so predominant ? Can they be in the least conducive to the honour and welfare of Great Britain ? By conquering more, do we not serve ourselves most effectually ? Have we not thereby an opportunity to consult our true interest, and what places are most worthy our consideration ? Shall we not thereby discover their value to France, and convenience to ourselves ? Shall we not attack them in the tenderest part, and reduce them to a necessity of submitting to our terms more speedily ? France, Sir, is not to be considered