

while not founded on her own natural, just, and honorable politics. Let us then disdain all false gasconade: all boastful insistence on our hollow successes, with that dissimulation of our disadvantages, incurred by the fault of false guides, which is so much to our own wrong, and to our farther misguidance, especially while it is not yet clear but that the damage done to us by our unnational measures and connections, is already irreparable. But if not irreparable as I hope it will ever be as much beneath British magnanimity to consider them as it ought to be beneath British sagacity not to see difficulties where they really exist, or to mistake the authors of them; the point then will be to wish, and devoutly to expect, the reparation there only from whence it can properly and constitutionally come; from a British king and a British parliament; from a patriot sovereign, assisted by a patriot senate, in contempt of all those little dirty selfish cabals for power and influence which have only served to disgrace the highest offices of the state by bringing into them the men on earth the most unfit for them, to the infinite damage and dishonor of the nation. While at the same time, to a king of any sense or spirit,

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