

we had reason to fear that both would be greatly contracted. Yea, all ranks of people were so dispirited and terrified, that they could scarce sleep soundly in their beds, for fear of invasions, and would have been ready to have agreed with our enemy upon any terms, so that they could have secured their lives and liberties. What are the present preliminaries, compared with what they must have been, had our affairs been as badly conducted throughout, as at the beginning of the war, before our great Commoner was employed, and proved the means of recovering *us* out of our fright, and *our affairs* out of their woful condition.

It is with national success as with the sun, each hath its meridian; whether ours had reached it no one knows; but had the war continued, and the event shewn that it had passed it, the uneven spirits of the nation had been sunk, and we should have been glad of a peace upon much better terms for the enemy. A considerable miscarriage or two would have frightened us almost into despondency, and we should have dreaded one misfortune upon the back of another. Such is the temper of our country. When I consider this, I am rejoiced, that we shall get out of the war with so much honour and advantage.

Had we refused making peace upon the present terms, and our enemies submitting to any worse, the war must have continued: but a peace on these terms is better than to have run the hazard of another campaign. We have every year expected,