

tention to a Plan of Operations, requisite to be pursued, in Case they should not be quite such Poltroons, we are defeated—— where nothing but the greatest Want of Foresight could prevent the Enemy's Fall.

I hope your Grace will forgive this Digression, which forced itself upon me, and which I wish found no Place in this Letter *for Want of Foundation*. But, my Lord, to resume. While the Contest, or rather War, between *England* and *France* is confined to *America*, I readily believe neither *Spain* or any other *European* Power will meddle in the Broil; it would be impolitic in them to do otherwise, as well as not endeavour to continue this Misunderstanding to that Part of the World only, as long as possible; and the Reason is evident: *England* and *France* are, undoubtedly, the two greatest Monarchies in the World; not only considered as maritime Powers, but as Kingdoms in regard to their Commerce, Power, Wealth. Every Thing combines to
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