

was a dishonest series of illegal incroachments, from the repeal of the Stamp Act to their outrageous robbery at Boston. Their future manner of conducting the war has been of a piece with the commencement of it. The mean cruelty of destroying Centinels on their post, their lying in wait for individuals, their inhumanities exercised over them, and their last attempt to set fire to New-York, are proofs of a mean low barbarity unequalled in the History of Human Things. For the honour of our nature, I would impute these sad outrages to popular enthusiasm: but woe to those People who have seduced these unhappy wretches by their persuasions, who have held forth the deceitful advantages of Freedom, and who have raised for themselves an empty and momentary applause over the ruins of mankind.

I beg pardon for employing so much time in tracing over the scenes that have led to this unhappy war---for discussions of that kind are now too late. The Sword is already drawn, and cannot be sheathed without satisfaction. The Americans will probably now receive no terms from our hands, but concessions of what they demand, and what we cannot grant without indignity. I lament as much as you can do the consequences of War, but I do not date from it any material disadvantage to this Country. Peace and War seem the natural changes of the Political World; and, like the vicissitudes of seasons, contribute to its prosperity. It is the part of little minds, and not
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