

know both what they would, and what they would not have, and therefore bewilder themselves in imaginary projects, otherwise it is plain enough, that they would not have the French interrupt their industry, or interfere in their trade; they would not have venal governors, nor would they be at a loss for a proper united strength, when the encroachments of the French call upon them to exert their best abilities: but the way to obtain these ends, they are not, perhaps, extremely clear in, it being more than probable, that while so many different interests clash, the means may be better understood than pursued: For if the natives expect to be under less restraint, or a different form of government than their parent country, the proprietors expect an unreasonable equivalent, and some here more power than really they ought to have, either all must be given up to the latter, or as to the form, all things continue as they are. But if no alteration should be in the form of government, a common treasury may be established, for the mutual benefit and protection of the respective colonies; in some cases the disposition specifically directed, and in others applied by the