

and, with all due deference to the Sheriffs of Bristol, who, you say, " have always expressed the most unqualified disapprobation of this war," I shall look upon those Gentlemen as lost. But, wise as *they* may be, there are other men, and those not the least respectable part of this Country, who, removed from immediate information, are still anxious of knowing what passes in the World, and who greedily embrace every opportunity of obtaining some acquaintance with the situation of our affairs; who think that the Press teems with nothing but the Truth, at least when such a name as that of *Burke* adorns the publication. When the opinions of such a Man go forth, and remaining unanswered by the more enlightened, are deemed by the Multitude to be unanswerable, the infection spreads wide, and the vitals of Public Strength become corrupted. From what source shall we draw our Seamen and our Soldiers, the bulwarks of our Country, if they believe the cause in which they go is disgraceful to themselves, and dishonourable to Britain? if that animating principle, the Love of their Country, which, superior to private considerations, tempts men to give up the pleasures of Domestic Life, is torn from them by designing Men, and the vile arts of Declamation? if they, the Sons of Freedom, can be persuaded that they are led forth only to forge chains for America, and to enslave their Brethren?

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