

had given that spirit, which we are now attempting to break, its proper direction, and opened up to it a different scene of action, what would not their noble courage and enterprizing genius have earned for us ! Had the Spanish provinces, the wealth of Mexico and Peru, been at any time desirable to us, what would they have cost our free-born sons in America, at whose threshold they lie ? I speak with the pride, the partiality, the enthusiasm of an Englishman. Alas ! alas ! how are all our well-founded expectations destroyed ! Where are we now to seek our glorious dependencies ?

You will readily perceive, that if ever your affairs required a great statesman, it was immediately after the last peace. The ablest ministers which this nation ever possessed, I may say more, which the world ever boasted, never add before them so great a task as was then to be performed.

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