

and of allowing to them their liberty and their property is the only probable expedient under heaven to preserve his country and perhaps himself. It is however to be feared; that there is little likelihood of so prudent a step being taken: but this caution may then be possibly one day remembered; when it will be too late and when the ruin at least of the one, if not of both, shall be irrevocable. If the clock has already struck the last hour; if the moment of accommodation is even now no more; what have not some men to answer for?

Suppose however that America should make an offer or a tender of some fixed, certain, annual contribution: I answer; that any end may perhaps be better than our present proceedings; but that we have on our great occasions and exigencies ever received from those provinces most ample help and assistance: whenever we have required or requested it of them. They have equally supported us with their men and their money in war; as they have benefited us with their trade and their commerce in peace. They are an improving people and our advantages by their means