

Scipio to beat down the gates of Carthage.— We must be prepared for the most calamitous events. We must look forward to what *may* happen, and put the question to ourselves, Have we fortitude to encounter it? If the answer should prove in the affirmative, let us not only act, but reason like men. To-day we may reduce a fort in America; to-morrow we may be defeated before one; but these are casualties which must not be suffered to interfere with our great purpose and design.

But it is time to put an end to these Observations. It has been said, *It is impossible to subdue the rebellion in America*;—they are offered to the public, with a view to prove the falsehood of that assertion. They submit to the candour of the nation, whether it has not been established by incontrovertible evidence, that our failure hitherto has been owing to very gross mismanagement; and that though from their public and formal acts it may appear otherwise, yet the people of America are favourable and friendly to our cause; and there is every reason to hope for future success from wise and vigorous measures. If the attempt is admitted to be practicable, the merits of this imperfect performance will then be compressed within a narrow compass. To those who are of opinion, that the essential welfare of this country depends upon