

is no Danger of either *France* or *England's* entirely possessing the Continent of *North America*; — notwithstanding what some of our *Ou-trée-rodомontade* Journalists may conjecture — There is nothing so easy as conquering Empires with Pen and Ink — and yet we find a great Difficulty in dispossessing the *French* of a single Fort, with *five and twenty* Hundred Men against *fifteen*! I cannot help observing in this Place, that I very much fear these *extravagant, pretended, patriot Journalists*, instead of rendering their Writings of any real Service, produce very bad Effects — A Parcel of *raw young Officers* read these *Excrecences* of the Press with much greater Attention than they do any good Treatise upon the military Art — Fortification, or Geography (*if at all*); and by forming their Opinions, in Consequence of these *diurnal Gasconades*, they imagine the *French* Troops a cowardly, starved Set of *Banditti*, that will run away at the Smock of the first *British Cannon*, and by giving no At-
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