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Transactions in Great Britain relating to America.

THE British ministry had now engaged the nation in a contest, from which it was equally incumbent on them to extricate it with honour, and difficult at the same time to recede. The expectations of the public had been highly raised by the spirit of firmness that had been displayed in asserting the supreme authority of the state over all its dominions; and it was not doubted but the most efficient plans would be formed and executed, in order to suppress and overthrow at once, every scheme and attempt to oppose it.

It was therefore with infinite astonishment and dissatisfaction, the nation received such repeated intelligence of the successful stand the Colonies were making every where against the forces that had been sent to compel them to obedience; and that instead of having made any progress in re-establishing the power of Britain, they were unable to keep

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