

Colonial ; which, united, must necessarily involve the decay, if not the ruin, of the best sources of wealth and strength in the possession of the empire ; more especially, as a great part of what we shall give up must fall into the hands of our natural and determined enemies. However, should these men, whether excited by private interest, or the restless spirit of ambition, or the violent rage of party, or the alluring but false charms of republican principles, or by an ill-founded enmity to our happy constitution, in their impetuous career after the different objects of their pursuit, not find time to view these fatal consequences of their conduct ; or if, seeing them, they shall remain unmoved by the alarming and dreadful prospect ; it is to be hoped, that the good sense of Britons, whose all is at stake in this critical moment, will be no longer seduced by men who, not understanding, or willingly misapprehending, the true interest of the nation, have thus inhumanly dragged it to the brink of so dangerous a precipice ; and that they will, before the opportunity shall be irrecoverably