

they remain neither questioned nor contradicted.

After your surrender to the American army, in your private letter to the Secretary of State you expressed your "confidence in the justice of the King and his councils to support the General they had thought proper to appoint to as arduous an undertaking, and under as positive a direction as a Cabinet ever framed."—It is not difficult to trace up to these words the first cause of difference betwixt you and the American Secretary of State. Sensible of having lost an army; of having depressed the hopes of your country; of having elated the spirit of her enemies; of having terminated a career most brilliant in its commencement by a very fatal disaster; you anticipated in your own mind the national effect, and employed your thoughts towards your own justification. You naturally had recourse to your orders; and there you found, or you pretended to find, *as positive a direction as any Cabinet ever framed*. If you could persuade the world of this, the inference you imagined would then follow, that
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