

poison the minds of the people, and turn them against him: but his many eminent services were so engraven on their minds, that notwithstanding every art, the utmost pains, specious arguments, and uncommon cunning, their opinions and reverence could not be eradicated. They remembered the æra famous for his coming into the administration, and under his auspices resplendent with the return of British valour and success; when his high and vigorous energy, seconded by divine providence, molded party into concord; and raised that tide of victory, conquest, and national felicity, which carried the arms and character of Great Britain to the highest summit of glory; moving her on, crowned with honour, in a rapid and uninterrupted series of success, to the first and highest seat of dignity and fame. Another party of his enemies raised a cry against him on account of the German war; but when this clamour was introduced into a great assembly, he made such a noble stand against his antagonists, as overthrew their fallacious system, and staggered their little confused understandings, with a great

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“ in order not to remain responsible for measures, which I was  
 “ no longer allowed to guide. Most gracious public marks of  
 “ his majesty’s approbation of my services followed my resignation: They are unmerited and unsolicited, and I shall ever  
 “ be proud to have received them from the best of sovereigns.

“ I will now only add, my dear Sir, that I have explained  
 “ these matters only for the honour of truth, not in any view to  
 “ court return of confidence from any man, who with a credu-  
 “ lity, as weak as it is injurious, has thought fit hastily to with-  
 “ draw his good opinion, from one who has served his country  
 “ with fidelity and success; and who justly reveres the upright  
 “ and candid judgment of it; little solicitous about the censures  
 “ of the capricious and the ungenerous. Accept my sincerest  
 “ acknowledgments for all your kind friendship, and believe  
 “ me ever with truth and esteem,

September 1, 1761.

“ My dear, Sir,

“ Your faithful friend, &c.

It was pretended that an answer was wrote to this letter, but no such thing had ever existence.

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