

the troops from a subordinate contest in North America, which must be decided by other events elsewhere; or that he offends against the strictest bonds of his allegiance, when he recommends the treating with the Americans *as with Free States*, for a truce, on terms of *uti possedetis*, as preliminary to a general congress of Europe; while, saving the honour of the Crown, he removes the stumbling-block which lies *in limite*, and recommends what may be made practicable: Nor that he could incur the imputation of betraying the Crown, if he was a Minister, and should advise, in case the sovereignty can neither be preserved by arms, nor re-established by treaty, not a surrender or a cession, but a withdrawing from the dismantled ruins of a fortress, no longer defensible or tenable.

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