

Commanders acted conformable to their Instructions, and that no precipitate Measures were taken, which in the End might prove fatal to *Great Britain's* true Interests. With this View, my Lord, I hope the Parliament will be assembled soon after his Majesty's Return, and that we may then be informed of the Measures that have been pursued, with their Success; that after they have been maturely examined in the Lords and our House, some Attention may be paid to our Deliberations thereon, anteriorly to any Declaration of War. That this Declaration of War will then have Place, *nemine contradicente*, is my firm Opinion, according to the little I am acquainted, at present, with public Affairs.—— But would to the Gods! that War were a Sea War and an *American War only*, and that the Continent of *Europe* were as little known to us, in that Respect, as the Continent of the new World was 300 Years ago.

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