

them at that time not only excited general disgust but *horror*: they were universally considered as insecure, inglorious, and no way adequate to our extraordinary successes; and therefore not credited (though feared by the discerning to be but too true) because it was hoped, or rather people persuaded themselves to believe, peace would not be bought on such sacrificing conditions: but time has now discovered how *fond* we have been to *purchase* a peace; what *generous* cessions we have made, with hearts overflowing with kindness, even to our natural and sworn eternal enemies, that a stranger may be tempted to believe we were desirous of peace on *any* conditions; “any sort of a peace rather than none.”

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