

was credulous, in a ridiculous degree, of every thing that favoured his own plans; and equally incredulous of every thing which made against them.—His natural abilities, which have been greatly exaggerated by persons whom he had advanced to power, were far from being of the first rate.—His industry was prodigious.—His knowledge lay chiefly in the laws, and politics, and history of this Province, in which he had a long experience. Yet with all his advantages, he never was master of the true character of his native country, not even of New England and the Massachusetts Bay.—Through the whole troublesome period since the last war, he manifestly mistook the temper, principles, and opinions of this People. He had resolved upon a System, and never could or would see the impracticability of it.

It is very true that all his abilities, virtues, interests, and connections, were insufficient; but for what? To prevail on the People to acquiesce in the mighty claim of Parliamentary Authority?—The Constitution was not gone. The suggestion that it was, is a vile slander. It had as much vigour as ever, and even the Governor had as much power as ever, excepting in cases which affected that claim.—“The spirit,” say the Ministerial Writers, “was truly republican.”