

matter of doubt, that their *original* plan was to weaken, to deceive, and finally to enslave us. In pursuance of this design, they suffered us to contend with the power of Great Britain for *four* campaigns, before they *openly* espoused our cause. Had they not meant to let us *exhaust* ourselves in this unequal contest, they would have assisted us in its beginning; but when they at length found it expedient to declare themselves in our favour, how *feeble* was the aid they afforded us! Just sufficient to keep alive a contention still more ruinous to ourselves than to Britain, though manifestly advantageous to our treacherous allies? When they have on any occasion acted with *vi-gour*, it is evident they solely consulted their *own* interest, without the least regard to ours.

Can you bear to recollect with cool indifference, the *soul affront* offered to America by the French General, when elated with the conquest of St. Vincent's, he *insolently* demanded the surrender of Savannah *to the arms of France*? Every true American must *rejoice* to see this valiant hero disgracefully and precipitately flying before an *hand-ful* of brave determined Britons. The events of this war oblige us to *admire* our enemies, and *despise* our pretended friends. What service has their boasted alliance yet rendered to the cause of American independence? It is true, they have taken Grenada, St. Vincent's, and Tobago from England; but do *we* derive any benefit from their conquest?