

ately trace a frontier, to which we now can have neither access nor outlet, since the Floridas are ceded to Spain? And is it thus you trifle with the patience, and insult the feelings of a great and an informed people? But the illusion is too gross, and too easy of detection, to afford a refuge, however momentary, to its author: even the Moscovites, before the accession of Peter, would have discovered so palpable a deceit, and have resented the insult on their understandings.

Every step I tread, every advance I make in this pernicious treaty, only opens a new and melancholy prospect of departed greatness. Ignominy and ruin keep equal pace. All the sacred barriers which the provident foresight of our ancestors had drawn, to protect the commerce, and rear the future navy of their country, have you, my Lord, subverted. The fishery on the Banks of Newfoundland, which has always been justly regarded as the most indispensable nursery for our seamen, and the monopoly of which we have jealously preserved, through so many wars and revolutions, is laid open, almost without any restriction, to France and to America!

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