

America rather than Great Britain, in the present dispute, I shall not be charged with rashness, in saying that their actions may soon give language to their wishes. By a reasonable supply of military stores and sundry manufactures they may soon deserve that friendship which you have lost by oppression. The want of formal ambassadors will hardly prevent the Americans from receiving the assistance of foreign states: ambassadors are not requisite to point out the most obvious truths, treaties are not requisite to engage men to pursue their mutual interests. However this may be, whether the Americans may receive the smallest assistance from other states, such ideas have they formed of the despotic and cruel temper of those men who now direct his Majesty's councils; such ideas have they of that slavery, worse than death, which is prepared for them should they ever trust in your mercy, that they are fully determined never to confide in your promises, nor sheath the sword while you are in the field. Your Lordship may possibly be surpris'd when I say that the Americans will not even submit to your armies though victory should declare on your side: but I say it on the knowledge of some facts to which you may not have attended; from some intelligence which I presume you have not received. Have you considered that a very small part of America is yet cultivated. About an hundred miles from the sea coast there is a vast ridge of mountains which few people have yet cross'd, for they would not be too far separated from the