

Despair is a mean and cowardly vice ; destruction for destruction, I would fall manfully at least, and as our great deliverer King William said, “ *Die in the last ditch.*” But, Sir, you have a vast army in America ; I believe the establishment is above seventy thousand men, though we have fought our principle battles with 10, or at most 15,000 ; whereas could we have an army of 30,000 assembled, I am persuaded the Americans never could have drawn, or kept together, one to face them ; we have besides the great advantage of powerful detachments, by means of our navy, for small ones will always be both cruel and ineffectual.

Yet, Sir, I would not have you rely on the war : I would only make it subservient to the great work of peace : if I knew a possible way of making peace without it, I would abandon it.

It is, however, as I have said, but an alternative ; it cannot, I think, be more fairly or honourably offered, and till it has
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