christian, I would chuse to be in charity, though not as a m——r) to make this publick declaration, that, although I have used his name all along as the chief and head of his party, and although I know that, generally speaking, one man is the life and soul of all co-partneries; yet I am very far from ascribing all the evils that I have enumerated to him alone. No, there are many others, who, tho' guilty in a less degree, because they have had less mischief in their power, yet as they have discovered the same malice of intention as often as they could, are therefore to be considered as his brethren in iniquity, and sharers with him in the same condemnation.

It is high time for me, fellow-citizens and countrymen, to bid you farewell. I have now disburdened my conscience, and if the nation is ruined, I take you to witness, that I have washed my hands of her blood. It is very true that my predecessor in sounding the trumpet of alarm, the learned Dr. Br——n, is entirely confuted and discredited by the importance of Britain in the present war; and foreigners, from hence, will learn to look on transactions, and not on books, for the characters of nations: they will learn to distinguish between the genius of a ministry, and the genius of a people; perhaps they will be convinced that the spirit of a great nation is not always wholly extinguished, when her governors happen to be base, weak, or pusillanimous. But though my latest predecessor has, in the end, been unfortunate enough, yet I know you too well to fear that you will wait till events justify or refute those plain reasons of mine: I mean such of them as are predictive; for the greatest part of them are already confirmed by what is past. In like manner, as you read my learned friend's book with insatiable avidity for many months, and believed every word it contained, I know you will also read and believe mine. And

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