

cess of ours : both the one and the other undoubtedly have in a great degree contributed to them. The winter is withal not weathered : who knows what further events it may yet produce ? Will it be owing to our foresight and our prudence ; if that neither Halifax with our stores nor Boston with our troops follow the fate of Canadian forts ? As our Colonies have risen, so, I am sorry to say, must Great-Britain be sunk ; which we shall certainly find by the effects. We are now by no means the same nation, as we were three years ago. It will be well ; if we shall not soon feel some distress even at sea. The Americans have hitherto refrained from meddling with our mercantile vessels. Will not the late act of parliament exposing all their commerce to our hostilities let them likewise loose upon ours ? Does not it almost seem to be a measure contrived for that very end ? Might we not have waited and have seen ; whether they would have begun this new kind of enmity between us ? Would not that have been at least so much time got and gained to our merchants ? We have declared war against their trade, which is none, and have by that means commisioned