

that nothing may stand in the Way of those Arrangements, in your Councils and executive Offices, which may best forward the great, necessary, and blessed Work of Peace, which may tend to rescue your Affairs from unwise and improvident Management, and which may obtain, improve, and secure the returning Confidence of all your People: In such Measures and such Arrangements, for such an End, your Citizens of *London* will never fail to give your Majesty their most affectionate and steady Support.

*His Majesty's Answer, delivered the 13th of March, 1778.*

I can never think, that the Zeal of my Subjects, the Resources of my Kingdoms, and the Bravery of my Fleets and Armies, can have been unwisely and improvidently exerted, when the Object was to maintain the constitutional Subordination, which ought to prevail through the several Parts of my Dominions, and is essential to the Prosperity of the Whole: But I have always lamented the Calamities inseparable from a State of War; and shall most earnestly give all the Efficacy in my Power to those Measures which the Legislature has adopted, for the Purpose of restoring, by some happy, honourable, and permanent Conciliation, the Blessings of Peace, Commerce, Affection and Confidence, between the Mother Country and the Colonies.