

would strip the latter of her best-established rights, and support the claims of the former in their widest extent. Trust me, I am no such man. However, as I have no interest in deceiving you, and consequently no design to impose upon you, I declare to you, that after all the legislative declarations which have been made upon the subject, I do not yet believe this to be a national war waged with your hearty concurrence; and though I did think so, I tell you frankly, that I am too steadfast a friend to the liberties of mankind, to wish one unjust point carried against America, even by your arms.

Unqualified as I am to address you, I cannot longer, in silence, see you made the bubble of the grossest fraud and imposture, nor conceal the melancholy reflections by which I am oppressed: and as I offer these to you in the humble language of truth, I

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