

other, and Friends to *Great Britain* before the late unhappy Measures were adopted; which, as they were the Offspring of narrow confined Views in Politics; and have been, and still are attended with such fatal Effects in both Countries; I can see no Reason why we may not expect a Change in them, and that better and more salutary Measures will at Length be pursued. And as there may yet * be found on both Sides of the *Atlantic*, Temper and Wisdom sufficient to establish on a solid Foundation, a firm and lasting Friendship between both Countries, so much to the mutual Advantage of both; should this happy *Æra* once arrive (and should it not, adieu to the Grandeur, Prosperity, and Power of *Great Britain*) and the Americans should once more return to that Affection and Regard to their Mother Country, which before these unhappy Proceedings they always bore towards her—what Occasion, what *possible Pretence* can there remain for the Continuance of this unconstitutional Bill?

* In the Year 1774, before the first Gun was fired, in this ruinous, unfortunate War,

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