

poison the minds of the people, and turn them against him: but his many eminent services were so engraven on their minds, that notwithstanding every art, the utmost pains, and uncommon cunning, their opinions and reverence could not be eradicated. They remembered the æra famous for his coming into the administration, and under his auspices resplendent with the return of British valour and success: when his high and vigorous energy, seconded by divine providence, molded party into concord; and raised that tide of victory, conquest, and national felicity, which carried the arms and character of Great Britain to the highest summit of glory; moving her on, crowned with honour, in a rapid and uninterrupted series of success, to the first and highest seat of dignity and fame. Whoever truly considers the state of things at the time of his resignation, will not wonder at his being obliged to quit the helm of state. The principal cities and incorporated towns in Great Britain presented him with addresses of thanks for his brilliant, spirited, and upright administration. Never was minister so universally beloved nor so universally regretted.

The glorious and immortal victories and conquests achieved while he guided the helm of state, are imprinted in indelible characters on every mind, and will remain coæval with the existence of our country. He who had done so much, the people thought it scandalous to revile. There is no period in our history equal to his administration: no minister

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of the capricious and the ungenerous. Accept my sincerest acknowledgments for all your kind friendship, and believe me ever with truth and esteem,

September 1, 1761.

My dear Sir,

Your faithful friend, &c.

It was pretended that an answer was wrote to this letter, but no such thing had ever existence.