

advance, that state will infallibly be left behind, whatever efforts it may make to retard the progress of those within its reach.

Of all the parties concerned in this treaty, perhaps the British Americans would find their situation the least benefited by it. The debts they have contracted during the present contest, would occasion taxes of a very different kind from any they have hitherto experienced; and the expence of government would be much augmented. But they themselves will allow, that no other method they could propose would be nearly so efficacious for abridging that expence, and securing their liberties. They would, no doubt, strongly oppose the seventh of the above articles; but it would be an eternal disgrace upon Britain, should she ever recede from it. This ought therefore to be insisted on as a preliminary by Britain, without which no other condition should be listened to.

While I now write, the news of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis has just been brought me. Like every good subject, I  
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