

its supremacy and legislation, and taxation, and the act of navigation, and all the beneficial interests of the nation : but if ministers could prevail, to establish the crown at the head of all the executive and federal powers of the whole continent of America, independent and uncontrouled by parliament, all would again be well for them. Thirty or forty millions of money at the nation's cost, and thirty or forty thousand lives, are matters of very trivial considerations in the pursuit of such objects, for the purpose of augmenting the power of the ministers of the crown ; but certainly for no purpose beneficial to our own country. These are the objects which ministers have invariably pursued, from the first to the last. Such propositions as these being avowed and recited in a public proclamation, viz. to invest the crown with all the executive and federal powers of the whole continent of North-America, independent of a British parliament, and this after the surrender of every national interest and parliamentary claim, brings up the charge to proof positive—and I will venture to say, that they never will voluntarily relinquish those objects, till they shall have attempted to wreck their vengeance upon America, for their defeat, by a savage and universal devastation of the whole continent ; or until they shall have brought on some national convulsion at home, perhaps the destruction of their country.

It is a matter of astonishment to me that ministers, how little soever they may value the interests of their country, should not at least begin to entertain some apprehensions for themselves. It is a hazardous responsibility which no wise man would take upon himself, To lead a country to ruin. They have already involved us in a war with one branch of the House of Bourbon, and Spain is under arms.\* When the day of terror and consternation comes, will

\* The following List may be depended upon as authentic.

*Lista de la Esquadra que esta al presente armada, y preparada para hacerse à la Vela, en Cadix, los 12 Sept. 1778.*

Navios.	Canones.	Navios.	Canones.
La Santissima Trinidad	- 122	El San Nicholas de Bari	- 80
El Fenix	- - - - 80	La Princesa	- - - - 70
El Rayo	- - - - 80	El San Joseph	- - - - 70
El San Fernando	- - - - 80	El San Lorenzo	- - - - 70
El San Luis	- - - - 80	La Santa Isabel	- - - - 70
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