

many of those who have for a time devoted themselves to your interests, and the weakness and misconduct of others, have driven you into an universal distrust of all men: and it is peculiarly unfortunate that you should be in this temper now, when every thing conspires to make it necessary that some person should undertake the task of laying the truth before you; a task unpleasant in itself, and not without hazard in its consequences.

Every difficulty is thrown in the way of those who are willing to give you information. If a man blame the conduct of administration, their emissaries persuade you that he is an enemy of the government. If he condemn the steps which led to the present unhappy civil war, and hesitate about the success of government, you are told, that he is the friend of America, and the enemy of Britain; that he