

lignant, either to be escaped or cured. But the Situation of my Affairs could not permit me to retreat: I was still confined to this Capital; where I have lived in a daily Observation of some new Apostacy in private Men, some new Imposition upon the Public, and some new Insult upon the
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Yet anxious and uneasy to me, as this State has been, I have no Reason to repine. — I have thence had Opportunities, which I could never otherwise have had, to discover my own Errors, and the Errors of the Nation, in Regard both to Measures and to Men; and to be thoroughly convinced, that we have fatally imputed the Original of all our present Misfortunes, to a false Cause; ascribing that to a Want of Integrity, which proceeded only from a Want of Power in our first Leaders; not arising from their Folly, or their Fault; but created by yourself, by me, by the whole Nation, blinded by Passion and Impatience, inflamed and insatuated by the infamous Misrepresentations, and treacherous Professions of a few false and interested Men, to whom, combining for our own Destruction, we resigned our Understandings at that Time.

I have frequently had Occasion to review the Folly of this Conduct, and to reflect on the strange Circumstances of that Event. — How an Administration of our own chusing, who, in the short Space of three Weeks, while we remained united to support them, had not only routed the obnoxious Minister of that Time, but changed the pacific Measures, and induced both the Parliament and his M——y to espouse the national Plan; who had already put the Treasury, the Army, and the Fleet, in a Word, the whole Force and Power of this Government, into the Hands of Men determined to pursue that Plan: — How these Men,
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