

profound intellect, though your answers, orders and letters, are hardly common sense and common English; and lastly, that you were the best of patriots, who in treating on peace, had agreed to give up almost all we had acquired by war.

And now, Sir, permit me to say, though your ministry is at an end, the mischief of it continues; your concessions concerning peace have left a grievous embarrassment on the succeeding administration, and almost precluded the power of concluding hostilities on more favourable terms. And certain it is, that whatever may be disadvantageous, when tranquility returns, a great part thereof is justly to be ascribed to your conduct: and this, notwithstanding your vapouring city friend, has told us, in his answer, that you are ready to warn the crew of rocks and quicksands, and to assist in bringing the ship through the storm into a safe harbour. But, I imagine, Sir, that you, the commander, who had brought the ship into such distress, and deserted her, at that moment, with one of the crew, indeed he is not one of the ablest hands, will never be recalled to assist what you have so absurdly conducted, and so arrogantly abandoned.

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