

The colonies were to be attacked by sea and land ; ships of war, regular troops, and slaves were to destroy them on the sea coast, while the Canadians and savages were to assail them with fire and sword from the wilderness. Never was any devoted people visited, or like to be visited, by such a group of calamities, until cruelty became honourable, until tyranny was digested into a regular system. Does any minister or ministerial man deny the charge? Does he dispute any part of this plan? Let him review general Carleton's last commission ; your Lordship has already seen it once too often. For what purpose was he authorized to *arm* the Canadians, and them to *march* into any other of the *plantations*, and his Majesty's rebellious subjects there to attack, and, *by God's help, them to defeat and put to death.*

For what purpose did Guy Johnson deliver black belts to all the Indian tribes in his district, and persuade them to lift up the hatchet against the white people in the colonies? The congress is possessed of those very war belts ; they have a copy of governor Carleton's commission : they have long since been possessed of the whole plan. What could they do in this dreadful dilemma? They must either deliver themselves up to general carnage, or try to avert the impending stroke : the latter was most desirable ; but how was it to be done? Certainly not by acting on the defensive, in the manner your Lordship could have prescribed, by standing with their hands in their bosom ; not by waiting till the Canadians had invested
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