

country; which now plainly appears to have in the last necessity no gold or silver even for its own use? We have had our project: we have made a most unjust attempt: we have been beaten and been baffled for our pains: we shall nevertheless gain in the end and in this manner what we wanted and we desired; although so very undeservedly. Some persons will possibly reflect here; how much better all these things might have been obtained in peace; but let us draw the veil over that point: discontent and perhaps despair lie that way. These are then my three propositions for the re-union in present and the harmony in time to come of our empire: to withdraw our forces and to leave our Colonies to their own civil governments; to recall our late American laws; to increase the commerce of that country. But if we do not pursue this or some such plan, what is on the other side; except downright madness, the distemper of Moorfields and the politicks of Bedlam?

But will such terms be sufficient and satisfactory in the sight of our countrymen over the Atlantic?—It is but a short time past; that peace was in our own keeping: we wantonly broke it then: the  
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