

in flame the nation, and engage them heartily in a civil war, in order to destroy or crush the Americans. This is doubtless the great object of the minister, but as the success of these measures is not absolutely certain, while it is very certain that the Americans, if they have prudence or spirit, must soon be driven by these measures to a state of independence, that they may the better be able to defend their liberties and lives, and as such a step may terminate in the absolute loss of that country, the ministry are prepared for that event—they have foretold it, and the ruin of this kingdom will appear to be nothing more than a proof of their sagacity. The men who are now labouring with admirable success to dissolve the union between Great Britain and her colonies, will presently assume great merit in having discovered that the Americans were ripe for a revolt.

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