

BUT as my Intent in this Letter is to admonish you, my Countrymen, before it be too late, and not impute that to a criminal Heart which is but Error in Understanding; to clear myself of all Malevolence against the private Characters of those who superintend, I most sincerely believe, that no pernicious Intention in the M——y has been the Cause of these ill-judged Undertakings and Miscarriages; they have not taken their Source from Spleen, or Resentment to a Party; which too often warping the Minds of M——rs, drives them into unbecoming Actions; their private Resentment urging them to the public Ruin.

IN this Instance, their Hearts being not culpable, will excuse them for this single Essay of their Incapacity, in the Opinion of all honest Men: But if the Ambition of presiding in public Affairs, a Passion too often and too fatally mixed with Weakness of Understanding, should still goad them on to direct and ruin, what will then be their Due from your Hands?

YET even tho' Incapacity may plead a Pardon, it does not annihilate the Disgrace which attends the Nation in consequence of it: Tho' the Punishment due to premeditated Villany cannot be imputed to the Charge of those Directors,