

and strait road to peace? There must be some lurking motive which we have not yet fathomed. That lurking motive is still one of the same which has guided their counsels and conduct in every thought, word, and deed. They are still hankering, to the very last expiring struggle, after that unconquerable and everlasting attachment of their hearts, dominion under the royal name.

A very few words to supply the context will make the whole system perfectly intelligible. Parliament, indeed, shall make an absolute surrender of the purse and of the sword to America, saving and reserving to the crown, the command over the money and men of America, as necessary to an *union of force*. This substitution of the crown is no strain upon the construction; it is always tacitly understood, unless it is expressly relinquished. It emerges, of course, upon any question of executive or federal powers. I will now quote to you the words of a proclamation of the British commissioners in America, in which (without even a transient thought of parliament) they plead very pathetically for the re-admission of royal prerogatives into America. You may then judge, whether I have given an unfair or uncandid construction of it. It is another part of the same proclamation of which I have spoken so much already: the words are as follow: "The Congress, the assemblies, and the people of America, will judge for themselves, whether that *union of force*," (viz. under the crown) "which we, on our part, deem of so much advantage to Great-Britain, may not be of equal advantage to them. And whether the internal peace of their own system will not be more secure under the title and majesty of the King of Great-Britain, whose prerogatives are exercised within strict limitations, and whose authority will insure the regular execution of every law, that may be provided by the representatives of the people, &c." These are new doctrines, to be held out in a proclamation by parliamentary commissioners. The nation has been immersed in profound darkness and errors for many years; they have been instructed to believe, that they were fighting for some national rights, or for parliamentary supremacy; but they have been grievously deceived, and misled: Dominion and Prerogative have been the Alpha and Omega. I believe we are now got to the very bottom of all bottoms. Parliament may surrender
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