

To our navy every effort ought to be directed; and while this continues upon a superior footing, our army in America may be left to act. At any rate, we should suffer many of our possessions to be sacrificed before we consent to relinquish America. In the shipwreck of the state, every thing valuable cannot be preserved; but this is the plank to which we should cling, and the last property from which we should part.

It is often said, How did this country subsist before America was discovered? The answer is plain: *America unknown to us was unknown to every other power.* But now that she has received from this country the principles of freedom, and the elements of commerce; that her inhabitants have been employed in our manufactures; that her shipwrights have built, and her sailors navigated our ships; that her soldiers have been trained to our discipline, and fought under our banners; shall we permit them to turn these advantages against the nation from which she derived them? It is not only a weight

effect miracles; but we should rather rejoice when they happen, than trust to their taking place; and it is even possible for courage to be overpowered by numbers. No doubt we shall receive some satisfaction upon this subject from those within whose peculiar province it falls; and who, I am persuaded, feel it equally their duty and their inclination to submit their conduct to the consideration of their country.

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