

While at one time, "*in the hour of their presumption,*" they have pledged the honour of the Crown and Parliament to measures which they cannot effect; and at another, *in the hour of their humiliation,* have made concessions in the other extreme; they have brought forward the American colonies *as States*; they brought them forward to the becoming an object under so strange a predicament, as hath rendered it impossible and impracticable that even the mediation of friendly powers can interpose and take place.

And finally, while nothing remained which ought to be done, or can be done, *so as even to commence negotiations in Europe,* but the making some preliminary treaty for a truce that shall prepare the way to a congress, they have cut even the very grounds of treaty from under their own feet.

This ground, as stated in the memorial, contained the only path which lay open and could have led to the vestibule of the Temple of Peace. The Memorialist, trusting that the Americans even still "retained too great a regard for the kingdom from which they derive their origin, to expect any thing *in the manner* of treating which was inconsistent with
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