

us ; if we had ever signified any sincere desire of entering into it : but nothing of that sort has from the beginning of these broils to the present moment come from our ministers, nothing but a constant demand of an absolute subjection on the part of the Colonies ; however some men at a distance from our counsels may at times have deceived themselves on this head. As to that crude, indigested, perplexed, obscure parcel of words complimented by some with the title of a conciliatory plan ; it appears proper only to expose the poor conceptions of its authors and how very far these were from having any ideas fit for the composing our present most high and most unhappy troubles. It met accordingly with nothing, but contempt in the country ; which it concerned. It seems to have fastened and to have riveted to the general union the colony of New-York ; which it was in all appearance particularly intended to divide and to separate from the rest and which was supposed to be at that time wavering and doubtful. It could not but operate in the like manner with our other Colonies ; as it plainly betrayed how little was to be expected towards peace from  
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