their own private intereſts and reſentments by the means and under the pretence of publick diſorders, this might juſtly raiſe our Gratitude to a much higher pitch. Loud and many have been the complaints of the conſumption of our Blood and Treaſure by Wars in remote Countries, and carried on chiefly by Foreign Troops, when ſo far were we from being *led into Captivity*, and from having any Mourning in our Streets on ſuch accounts, that thro' the whole courſe and progreſs of a long War we ſcarce heard of any thing but Victory and Triumph, almoſt every appearance of our Enemies brought us home freſh Laurels, and every Year was crown'd with many and very important Succeſſes; and if even under theſe Circumſtances there was any juſt ground for ſo much uneaſineſs and diſſatisfaction, as then in moſt places appeared, and Peace was eſteem'd ſo eſſential to our Well-being, that it ought to be obtain'd even by any means, and purchas'd upon any conditions, what would our thoughts have been when the Devaſtations and all other Miſeries of War had been brought home even to our doors, when we had ſeen our faireſt and richeſt Cities laid in Aſhes, and Deſolation ſpreading

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