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an address to His Majesty

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That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, representing to His Royal Wisdom, that this House is deeply penetrated with the view of impending Ruin to the Kingdom from the continuation of an unnatural War against the British Colonies in America, and most humbly to advise His Majesty to take the most speedy & effectual Measures of putting a Stop to such fatal Hostilities, upon the only just & solid Foundation, namely, the removal of accumulated Grievances; and to assure His Majesty that this House will enter on this great and necessary Work with Cheerfulness and Dispatch, in order to open to His Majesty the only means of gaining the Affection of the British Colonies and of securing to Great Britain the  
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commercial Advantages of these invaluable  
Possessions; fully persuaded that to heal  
and redress will be more congenial to  
the goodness and magnanimity of His Majesty,  
and more prevalent over the Hearts of  
freeborn Subjects, than the Rigors of  
Chastisement & horrors of Civil War, which  
hitherto have served only to sharpen +  
Resentments and consolidate Union, and  
if continued, must end in finally dissolving  
all Ties between Great Britain and the  
Colonies.