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It is difficult to express which appears more strongly
the ^{in rejecting} anarchy fortitude of the Great Majority last
night, ^{in rejecting} the hacknied question of a Committee for considering
the American War, or the impudence of the Minority
in again bringing it forward, for whoever the most
ardently wishes for Peace, must feel that every repetition
of this question in Parliament only makes the Rebels and
the Bourbon family more desirous of continuing the War
from the hopes of ^{triumphing} this Country; We have it not
at this hour in our power to make Peace it is by standing
and exertions that we are to ^{bring} it into a situation to effect it;
and with the Assistance of Divine Providence I am confident
we shall soon find our Enemies forced to look for their
Blessing; among our many misfortunes I feel one satisfaction
that we have but one line to follow therefore at least
diffidence and perplexity cannot attend us, and we
have the greatest Objects to make us zealous in our pursuit
for we are contending for our whole Empire, whether we
are to rank among the Great Powers of Europe or be reduced
to one of the least considerable. He that is not stimulated by this
consideration does not deserve to be a Member of this Community

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