1774 July James Cheston Letter to Robert Barclay

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Dispute between Great Brittain & her Colonies.
What Temper your Countrymen are in, I cant
tell, but here they are absolutely Mad-
a few Hot headed Designing Men are
endeavoring to raise such a flame, as
I am Afraid will do the Colonies
much prejudice, and for the Present
makes them disagreable Places of Abode
so high the Spirit of Party runs, that
every Man, who does not ~~appear~~ seem
to be Ready to enter into their Wild
Violent Schemes, is Stigmatised with
the Name of traitor —

you ask me in One of y^r Letters when
I leave this part of the World? to ans
wer that Question I'll give you a Copy
of a paragraph of the Letter I wrote in
the Winter ~~that all~~ this carried, of which I
have no Reason now, Not to confirm.
"In ab^t 2 years time I think my presence
"will be absolutely Necessary in England,
"if it should be only for a ~~little~~ few
Months

"Months; nothing on my Part shall be
"wanting to make it for Life, as I am
"Really so well much Pleased with my
"present Place of abode, As to be able
"to change it at any time with the
"least Reluctance! Were it not for the
"Loss our Business might Sustain, for which
"is to profitable to give up, I would not
"Hesitate a Moment in giving you
"an Opportunity of Personally Knowing
"whether the Affectionate Friendship
"you y^r Family so kindly express for
"me of which now in a great measure
"can only be founded on Conjecture,
"is not entirely thrown away on an un-
"deserving object. I assure you it's with
"no little pleasure I look forward to the
"time, when the very cause, which at
"present throws the only Obstruction in
"the way, will in all probability, set
"me at Liberty to enjoy the Society of
"those I have the greatest Regard for
without