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managed so as to get my Memorial heard in Mar. last, and had laid a plan whereby I should have long before now got all that I claimed (the loss of my profession) which would have made me easy: But — the change of the Ministry deprived me once more of my friends. Thus, You see my honest Endeavours are constantly thwarted by fortune, of whose persecutions there seems to be no end. I have again begun to roll the Stone up the hill; and shall persevere at tedious labour, which I think has been assigned as a punishment, both on my own account and that of others who have claims on my exertions.

That something will be done hereafter the loyalists is certain; though the what and the when are very doubtful: we have brought Mr. Pitt (the new Premier) to admit that the present allowances are only temporary and that some thing permanent must soon be established. And the course of things must bring our affairs to this, if we conduct them with prudence and perseverance.

I regret to see foolish & forward men on both sides the water throwing obstructions into the channel of Trade. Both countries will suffer by their folly. The Committee of Privy Council (to whom was referred to consider of the petition of the West India Merchants for admitting American Ships to the W. Indies) have, after an impartial and minute investigation of facts, reported their opinion to the King against the admission of them. The report is to be brought in part into Parliament. And there is no reason to expect that such a measure can be carried against the bent of the Nation. Mr. Pitt had certainly promised to grant this indulgence to the West India Merchts: But, he found such a Storm of unpopularity rising against him that the Measure of the beforementioned Committee was adopted to get over the promise handsomely. A Treaty of Commerce is