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See our case in a different light?  
On the contrary, we have time enough  
for pleasantries. We need not fear advance  
of war. Their armaments shall not prove  
our yoke—nay, our British friends give  
good wine, and that is no phantom  
nor illusion. But you,  
you disbelieve my designs.  
If, as you say, they do come  
with injurious intentions, thus we shall tell  
our colonies:  
Secure yourselves in steel  
walls, mountained each with mortar,  
for brightly shall the battles  
come, the cannon lash  
in fury.  
Keep closed the crusted cask.  
Forbid all forms curiosity  
might allow.  
Shield, seal, fortify, and brace—silence  
will again be ours.