

be fixed for the province of Nova Scotia ; and through it a sample and security was to be given to the other provinces, of what they were to expect. This was dangerous ground ; for you was compelled on this occasion, a little before your time, to unmask. An honourable member, Sir George Yonge, I think it was, in order to prevent ambiguity in the Nova Scotia bill, proposed the following resolution, in addition to those brought in by administration. “ Whenever the exigences of state
 “ shall require further supplies from the pro-
 “ vince of Nova Scotia, such requisitions shall
 “ be made as have formerly been practised in
 “ North America.”

A motion more unseasonable for administration could not have been offered. It never had been the design of government to make a single concession in favour of the Americans, nor to give them security for preserving a single vestige of their property. Embarrassed as ministers might be, by speaking out, it now became necessary. They could not adopt the proposition ; the unfortunate bill was smothered in its birth. The resolution of taxing America from time to time and as often as cash may be wanted is now publicly avowed. A very courtly writer has been pleased to suppose that the colonies would be quite *emancipated*, if *neither the MODE of raising taxes nor the QUANTUM* is to be left in the power of Parliament.* By such

* Rights of Great Britain asserted, p. 54.