

rebellion against the British government, I pretend not to say. God can turn the hearts of men as he pleases, in opposition to common rules. But one thing is clear and certain, that, as the sword should not be drawn against the subjects of the state, without the most urgent necessity, so should it not be sheathed without full security and submission on the part of the offenders; for a peace, on any other terms, would only prove a short and dangerous truce, to prepare them for a fresh revolt.

Fully employed in our own private occupations, far removed from the seat of war, and in perfect repose, we are apt to be indifferent to the interests of our country, and careless about that very government that gives us security and repose, till we are roused by such a call as this, to reflect on the blessings we enjoy. Let us feel the generous spirit of Britons, rising with just indignation against those degenerate and rebellious colonists, who would rob us of our glory, and destroy that sacred temple of the constitution, that can only secure their liberty and ours. And, as our patriotism
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