

may more, it would be a system of injustice and oppression. It would be a government founded in principles more unjust, dishonest, and oppressive, than any other upon earth: for this great and equitable law of restitution for property *devoted to the public safety*, is common to the most absolute monarchies.

AFTER so many authorities directly supporting the Case of the American Loyalists, little more need be said to prove the legality and justice of their claim upon the nation. They were, and yet are as perfectly subjects of the British State, as any man in London or Middlesex. They were as much bound by all the obligations and duties of the society, and consequently as much entitled to the protection and justice of the State; and therefore, the Crown can have no greater right to sacrifice their property to the public safety, than that of any other subject, without compensation. They have been called on by their Sovereign, when surrounded by tumult and rebellion, to defend the Supreme Rights of the Nation, and to assist in suppressing a rebellion, which aimed at their destruction. They have received, from the highest authority the most solemn assurances of *protection*, and even *reward*, for their "*meritorious services*." These Calls, and these Assurances, have been repeated again and again, during the times of the greatest