

*The Necessity  
of going to  
War with  
France.*

often only to defend *Foreign Princes*, and to support the Ballance of Power in *Europe*, in Consequence of Treaties, when neither its Trade, Navigation, Territories, nor Subjects were affected. But the War that is now just and necessary we should engage in against *France*, is of such a Nature as to demand all our Resentment, arouse all our Courage. Your Provinces are invaded, your Towns are burnt, many of your Plantations destroyed or deserted, your ancient and faithful *Indian Allies* and Subjects cut off from all Communication with you ; others of your Fellow Subjects murdered, scalped, captivated, and sold at the Price of *Black Slaves*, and many of the rest in imminent Danger of the like melancholy Catastrophe ; your fairest and best Revenues endanger'd. And all these Insults, Injuries, and Barbarities committed by the very People we have the Name of Peace with. Your Fathers resented every Infringment upon *British Liberty*, and shall the Blood of *British Subjects*, shed in an unjust and cruel Manner, cry for no Vengeance from you ?

*The Nature  
and Great-  
ness of the  
Object we  
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tend for.*

Besides these Commands to War, if we have not reasonable and honourable Terms of Accommodation secured to us by the *French* forthwith, which is as vain to expect as that they will yield us up *Cape-Breton & Canada* voluntarily, we have the vast Importance of the *Northern Colonies*, upon which also depends the very Being of your *Sugar Colonies*, that calls for our closest Attention and the most vigorous Efforts of the combined Nerves of the whole *Empire*. It is from the *American Colonies* our Royal Navy is supplied in a great Measure with Masts of all Sizes and other Naval Stores, as well as our Merchant Ships ; it is from them we have our vast Fleets of Merchant Ships, and consequently an increase of Seamen ; it is from them our Men of War in the *American World* are on any Occasion man'd, and our Troops there augmented and recruited ; it is from them we have most of our *Silver and Gold* either by their Trade with Foreigners in *America*, or by the Way of *Spain, Portugal, and Italy*, in Payment for their immense Quantities of *Fish, Rice, &c.*

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