

Our North American colonies were established, defended, and lost, by a succession of long and bloody wars, and at a recorded expence of at least two or three hundred millions Sterling. We still retain Canada at an annual charge of six or seven hundred thousand pounds. This sum is wrested from us by an Excise, which revels in the destruction of manufactures, and the beggary of ten thousand honest families\*. From the province itself we never raised, nor hope to raise, a shilling of revenue; and the sole reason why its inhabitants endure our dominion for a month longer, is, to secure the money we spend among them.

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## CHAP. II.

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'Tis time to take enormity by the forehead and brand it.

BEN JOHNSON.

"DURING the reigns of Charles and James the Second, above sixty thousand Nonconformists suffered, of whom *five thousand* DIED IN PRISON. On a moderate computation, these persons were pillaged of FOURTEEN MILLIONS of property. Such was the tolerating, li-

\* Look into Kearsley's or Robertson's Tax Tables: What confound! what tremendous volumes! When our political writers boast of British liberty, they remind us of Smollet's cobbler in bedlam bombarding Constantinople. If the victims who groan under our yoke, were acquainted with the confusion and slavery which our avarice or mad ambition have inflicted on ourselves, a very considerable share of their abhorrence would be converted into contempt or pity.

Let not the reader imagine too hastily that this picture is overcharged. The facts contained in this pamphlet will justify much stronger expressions.