

“ that union and harmony between Great
 “ Britain and the colonies, so essential to the
 “ welfare and happiness of both countries.

“ Though the oppressive measures of the
 “ British Parliament and administration have
 “ compelled us to resist their violence by force
 “ of arms, yet *we strictly enjoin you, that you, in*
 “ *behalf of this colony, dissent from, and utterly*
 “ *reject any propositions, should such be made,*
 “ *that may cause to lead to a separation from our*
 “ *mother country, or a change of the form of*
 “ *this government. You are directed to make*
 “ *report of your proceedings to this House.*”

Such are the proofs we have received concerning the object of dispute in North America; to adduce more evidence on this subject would be vain tautology: he that can set his face against such declarations, and continue to say that the Americans have engaged in the present dispute through the desire of becoming independent, must have shut his eyes against conviction, and hardened himself in the practice of *saying things which are not*. Your Lordship has discovered, and no common genius could have discovered from the above instructions, that the Pennsylvanians wish to become independent.

Hitherto we have only had occasion to complain that your Lordship has attempted to hurt the Americans by blackening their reputation, and charging them with crimes of which they are *not guilty*. Your third position goes farther; you are not satisfied with painting them in dark colours, in order to sink them in the
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