

a VOTE OF INDEPENDENCE. They have long acted as rebels, they now affect to contend as enemies. Their abettors in this Kingdom are no strangers to this circumstance ; yet they dignify avowed rebellion with the title of “ A GLORIOUS STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM.”

Such is the conduct of the Americans, to which that of Great-Britain has all along formed a striking contrast. With the indulgence and patience of a Parent, she soothed, flattered, and even courted them to a reconciliation. In pity to the weakness, in condescension to the folly, in consideration to the prejudices of a froward child, she held out the olive-branch when she ought, perhaps, to have stretched forth the rod of correction. Her pity, her kindness, and affection, were lost upon the Americans. They advanced rapidly from claim to claim, and construed her forbearance into timidity. Each Act that was repealed furnished a subject for triumph, and not an object for gratitude. Each concession became the foundation of some new demand, till, at length, by assuming all to themselves by rebellion, they left the Mother-Country nothing to bestow.

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