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tion, which has slept too long for your honor, or the welfare  
of the empire.—But we have not been permitted to entertain  
this pleasing expectation;—every day brought an accumula-  
tion of injuries, and the invention of the ministry has been  
constantly exercised, in adding to the calamities of your  
American Brethren.

After the most valuable right of legislation was infringed,—  
when the powers, assumed by your parliament, in which we are  
not represented, and from our local and other circumstances,  
cannot properly be represented, rendered our property pre-  
carious.—After being denied that mode of trial to which we  
have long been indebted for the safety of our Persons, and  
the preservation of our Liberties :—after being in many in-  
stances divested of those laws, which were transmitted to us,  
by our common Ancestors, and subjected to an arbitrary  
code, compiled under the auspices of Roman tyrants ; after  
annulling those charters, which encouraged our predecessors  
to brave death and danger in every shape, on unknown seas,  
in deserts unexplored, amidst barbarous and inhospitable  
nations !—when, without the form of trial, without a pub-  
lic accusation, whole colonies were condemned !—their trade  
destroyed ; their inhabitants impoverished.—When soldiers  
were encouraged to embroe their hands in the blood of A-  
mericans, by offers of impunity ;—when new modes of trial  
were instituted for the ruin of the accused, where the charge  
carried with it the horrors of conviction ;—when a despotic  
government was established in a neighbouring province, and  
its limits extended to every of our frontiers ; we little imagin-  
ed that any thing could be added to this black catalogue of  
unprovoked injuries ;—but we have unhappily been deceived ;  
and the late measures of the British ministry fully convince  
us, that their object is the reduction of these colonies to  
slavery and ruin.

To confirm this assertion, let us recal your attention to the  
affairs of America, since our last address ;—let us combat the  
calumnies of our enemies—and let us warn you of the dangers  
that threaten you, in our destruction. Many of your fellow  
subjects, whose situation deprived them of other support,  
drew their maintenance from the sea ; but the deprivation of  
our Liberty being insufficient to satisfy the resentment of our  
enemies, the horrors of famine were superadded, and a British  
parliament, who, in better times were the protectors of in-  
nocence and the patrons of humanity, have, without distinc-  
tion of age or sex, robbed thousands of the food, which  
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