

Were not the flagitious prints, the popular harangues, the declamation from the pulpits (which the General complains of) so many incitements to the cool, dispassionate reflection of their followers? Indeed, General, you should always reason sword in hand. The pen is not your fort. You are lost upon paper, and must at last submit to be vanquished in the field. Putnam is in earnest.

The poor Americans are charged in the next place with a suppression of truth; with obstructing every appeal to the real interest of the people; with the grossest forgeries, calumnies, and absurdities. To say that the Americans have been guilty of suppressing truth, forging falsehoods, venting calumnies, and imposing absurdities upon their party, is but a kind of petulant recrimination. These dishonourable proceedings, if true, are but the common stratagems of war. They are not peculiar to one side only, for the King's party has practised them; all the insidious spies of Government have practised them; General Carleton has practised them most basely; you yourself, General Gage, have practised them as dishonourably; but after all, is this malicious splenetic recrimination a proof of treason and rebellion against these injured people? In spite of all this foul language, the world will think that there is as much veracity, virtue, candour, honour, and true courage on the part of freemen