

pendence upon this country. The wisdom, the policy, the necessity of this measure, I purpose to examine (setting aside, as the American Minister has done, the justice or injustice of it) but before I proceed in this business, I beg leave to premise, that not being an author by profession, my arguments will not, probably, be arranged and methodized to the greatest advantage; but I shall say, first or last, all that occurs to me upon the subject, and hope to be excused, if I am sometimes guilty of repetition,

It may not be amiss, if at the same time I produce my own arguments, I hazard some objection to those of an honourable gentleman, who is lately returned from America, and who having long been a strenuous asserter of the rights of mankind in general, and our late fellow subjects in particular, has, all at once, to the surprize and mortification of his friends, and the exultation of his enemies, become an advocate for the measures of government.

This gentleman, in a speech lately delivered in the House of Commons, asserts,

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