

hour of the day; with this absurdity added to injustice, that they are alterable and revocable only on one side: that is to the injury of the Colonist for ever, and at no period of time to his benefit? And this without considering, that by your own doctrine these charters, instead of being annulled as the ground of their independance, ought to be held sacred and immutable as the source of your authority?

But not content with innovating charters, you advise that the Americans universally should be subjugated by stricter laws and stronger obligations. You exhort that national *vengeance* may be poured on the contrivers of mischief, and that no *mistakes* of *clemency* should prevent abundant forfeitures. Lest this should not be sufficiently harsh and humiliating, you suggest, that their slaves may be taken from them, though, by your laws, their property, and settled, with arms for their defence, in some
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