

“ sented, stand on the same predicament
 “ with yourselves,” is too glaring a falsehood
 to deceive you ; and I shall not affront your
 understanding so much as to fancy you can
 suppose that the positive punishment of the
 whole town of Boston for the offence of a
 few individuals, when those individuals might
 have been prosecuted according to law, can
 be a case similar to the running the hazard
 of hurting a few citizens in the attempt of
 re-taking one of our own towns from the
 enemy.

I have hitherto, my friends and fellow ci-
 tizens, endeavoured to prevent your being
 misled by the sophistry of those who have
 an interest in deceiving you. I shall now
 give you some of the judicious observations
 of one of your best friends, in regard to the
 conduct of your government towards Ame-
 rica:—

“ Before the taxing of the unrepresented
 “ colonies of America was thought of, (says
 “ Mr.