

the Provisions for Ascertaining and Fixing the Exercise of the Right of Taxation in the Colonies, as agreed and expressed by this present Act, shall not be in Force, or have any Operation, until the Delegates to be in Congress assembled, sufficiently authorized and empowered by their respective Provinces to this End, shall, as an indispensable Condition, have duly recognized the Supreme Legislative Authority and Superintending Power of the Parliament of Great Britain over the Colonies, as aforesaid. Always understood, that the Free Grant of an Aid as here-before required and expected from the Colonies, is not to be considered as a Condition of Redress, but as a Just Testimony of their Affection. And whereas, divers Acts of Parliament have been humbly represented in a Petition to His Majesty from America, to have been found Grievous, in Whole or in Part, to the Subjects of the Colonies, be it Hereby declared, by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Au-  
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