

The PREFACE.

FOR, several of these Governments, pretending to or enjoying some extraordinary Privileges, which the Favour of the Crown has formerly granted them, exclusive of others, if their Assistance is demanded or implor'd by any of their distress'd Neighbours, attack'd by Enemies, perhaps in the very Heart of their Settlements, they either by affected Delays, insisting on Punctilios and Niceties, starting unreasonable Objections, and making extravagant Demands, or other frivolous Pretences, purposely elude their just and reasonable Expectations; and by an inactive Stupidity or Indolence, seem insensible of their particular and most deplorable Circumstances, as well as regardless of the General or Common Danger, because they feel not the immediate Effects of it; Not considering their own Security is precarious, since what happens to one Colony to Day, may reach another to Morrow. A Wise Man will not stand with his Arms folded, when his Neighbours House is on Fire.

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