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conscience, to resort to the King's *Standard*, when it comes to be erected in our different Colonies, should that melancholly event happen ; and these, of themselves, will compose a body, which, in a good cause, will be formidable to its opposers. But many thousands of others, and indeed the greater part of those who shall not have rendered their cases desperate, when they see the danger thus nearly approaching, and the storm ready to burst, will be glad to fly for shelter too to the Royal standard, if human nature continues the same that it ever has been ; and they will be zealous to *signalize* themselves in the King's service, in order to render unquestionable that loyalty which was formerly suspicious. It is morally certain that, in the day of trial, a large majority of the Americans will heartily unite with the King's troops, in reducing *America* to order. Our violent republicans will then find themselves deserted by thousands and thousands in whom they now confide ; and inexpressibly dreadful must be their disappointment. " O ! that they were *wise*, " that they *understood* this, that they would *consider* their LAT^c

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I shall say no more on the supposed case of our waging WAR AGAINST THE KING, and entering into a STATE OF REBEL-
LION ; the thoughts of which, all sober men, and all conscien-
tious men, and all who prefer the good of their country to the
gratification of their own obstinate humours, must reject with
horror.

But another scheme is proposed, at first view less shocking,
which also appears to be recommended by the *Congress*, and
which many at present are inclined to adopt ; I mean, a *ge-
neral non-importation agreement* throughout the Colonies. Against
a proposal of this nature I have two objections to offer : Namely,
that it will greatly distress a country which I love ; and that it
will not answer the purpose.

In order (N. B.) to get rid of a duty of *three pence a pound on
tea*, it is proposed to stop all importation from *Great-Britain*,
and even from the *West-India Islands*, till the act imposing it
shall be repealed. But a remedy of this kind is ten thousand
times worse than the disease. It is, for the wisdom of it, like
cutting off an arm, in order to get rid of a small sore in one of
the fingers.

On a late trial of non-importation from *Great-Britain* only,
as soon as the stores of English goods began to be exhausted,
every family among us experienced such inconveniences and
difficulties, as produced a general murmur and complaint. For
although the articles imported from *England* are not absolutely
necessary