

To us who inhabit these Colonies it must give a very sensible Satisfaction, to see the Attention of every *honest Englishman* so closely turned towards our Protection and Safety. Undutiful, therefore, and basely ungrateful might we be deemed, if we should attempt to impose upon our distant Countrymen and Benefactors, by lame or partial Accounts of things which are of the last Importance towards our common Happiness!

For my part, I shall confine myself entirely to a Detail of undeniable and notorious Facts, which I have been an Eye-witness of; and I have not a single Inducement to give a partial Relation of them. By my Station, as well as Principles, you know that I disclaim all Party-connections, and have nothing to hope or to fear from any of those called Parties among us. My only View is to remove gross Misrepresentations, and to display the miserable and defenceless State of this Province to those who only can relieve and save it. My Motive to this is a most affecting one.—My Life is at Stake, and the Cry of Blood, Death and Desolation hourly pierces my very Heart from the Country round about.

When I last wrote to you, I told you that I could no longer be silent, and behold the Distress of the Province in which I lived.—“ A  
 “ *French* Enemy and their Savage-allies being  
 “ advanced into our Country, and fortified,  
 “ within a few Days March of our Metropolis.  
 “ The People on our Frontiers liable to be murdered and driven from their Habitations! Our  
 “ Lives and sacred Rights exposed an easy Prey,  
 “ by the Infatuation of a Set of Men amongst  
 “ ourselves, who are principled against Defence,  
 “ and regard no Consequences provided they can  
 “ secure their darling Power, and keep their Seats  
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