

indeed, to conceive any other idea of a corporation erected by charter, than that it should continue subject to the author of that charter.

And if they, for their own interest, anxiously preserved their connection with Britain, it was clearly her part to keep them in subjection and dependence. For what end did she send out colonies, but to benefit herself, to extend her commerce and her power, to increase industry and population, and advance her happiness and prosperity? Why should she have nourished and protected them in their infancy, supplied them with the necessaries of life, and the means of improvement, if she had not considered them as part of herself? Why should she have settled them once and again, when driven off by the natives, and encouraged and strengthened them at great expence of blood and of treasure, if not for her own common benefit and theirs? And why have the colonies, for almost two centuries, been such favourite objects of her legislation? Those who are acquainted with our body of laws,