

immediately put to death? These are outrages which none but the most ignorant and distempered imaginations could ever dread from any kind of established government, and yet are committed by those, who, in the very height of their riots, complain of cruel and arbitrary exertions of power in the mild government of Great Britain, under the most just and humane of Kings.

In the course of this enquiry I have often used the word *Colony*, in speaking of those parts of the British empire which lie on the other side of the Atlantick ocean, and have done so in compliance with the present mode of America, upon a supposition that the essence of things being known, the terms to express them become matters of indifference. But this, I acknowledge, is a very ill grounded supposition, and to proceed upon it extremely dangerous: for nothing is more serviceable to the cause of falsehood than the admission of improper terms, which, though at first admitted only as counters, having
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