

to me. I am obliged, upon this occasion, to recur to my principle, and to repeat in a few words, what I have always insisted upon, that the dispute, on our side, is founded in injustice.

It is well known, that having for a long time monopolized the American trade, we extended our claim to tax the Colonies; that upon this they petitioned, and remonstrated; and that their petitions and remonstrances being unheard, or unattended to, and even unanswered, they had recourse at length to *resistance*; they considered the compact between themselves and the mother country as dissolved, and renounced their allegiance to that power by which they were no longer protected.

This measure has been called a rebellion by some, who ought to have been more moderate in their expressions; for my part, I consider it merely as a secession of one part of the people, from the domination of the other.

The object which the Ministry have in view is, to bring back these people, conditionally, or unconditionally, to their dependence