

ing with a spirit of sedition heated into a delirium.---You must either support your right over the Colonies by vigorous measures, or submit to lose it, by acting with tameness and timidity. This is the very crisis, that must determine the fate of America; whether she is to be subject to Great Britain, or free and independent. There is no doubt, that we have it in our power to reduce her to temper and reason, though she may, for a time, continue wayward and refractory. She cannot do without some of our commodities, when her present stock is exhausted: and though our trade may suffer for a season, by these unhappy disturbances, yet it will infallibly recover, and flourish perhaps afterwards with greater vigour. It is a fallacious argument, which some persons have advanced, that the *present decrease* of our American trade, is *entirely* owing to their resentment and indignation, on account of the *Stamp Act*. That this may have had some influence towards diminishing it, I will not deny; but that it is the sole cause, is untrue, as any one may perceive, by consulting

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