

their Consciences, and relieve their Country.

As Smuggling is the principal Cause that our present Duties, do not furnish the State with the necessary Supplies to carry on the War, without further Imposts; and as these public Robbers, the *Smugglers*, at the same Time they are so detrimental to us, are of the greatest Advantage to our declared Enemies, if a Means could be devised of considerably checking if not entirely demolishing their detestable Trade, surely it would be prudent at this Time to execute any Scheme, that promised these Advantages. Although these illegal Traders, extend their Commerce to many Articles of *French* and other Products, it is Notorious that the Smuggling of Tea, is the Principal source of their illegal Gains; this would be at an End, if the present Tax were taken off that Commodity, and an Impost put upon every Family that used this Herb, which might be easily Effected, by obliging the Master of every Family, to make Affidavit whether or no any Tea
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