

one Time or other independent ; with as much Reason, a Man may refuse to build or repair a valuable House, &c. for fear of its being burned ; an Absurdity to which there is too much Reason to impute former Neglects, which ought now to be banished from our Minds, lest the Dregs of it should fatally impede the Pursuit, or abate the Ardour of the present Measures to rid that important Country of its perfidious Enemy, the Sense and Spirit of every honest Man in the Nation.

I HAVE, notwithstanding the Brevity of my Remarks, by the Importance of my Subject, been unavoidably led beyond the Bounds of a Letter, which I am sure you will not only excuse, but pardon every Defect, as well as accept an honest Intention for your Information of the Importance of our Colonies ; the best Methods to remove the Impediments to their Prosperity ; and multiply the Benefits derived, and others we may derive from them, that have enabled us to increase our Navy, and make the most considerable Figure in the Mercantile World ; that the
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