

lity of dissention, it has been thought right to repress the Ardour arising from a satisfactory consciousness of good intention, and to sacrifice in some degree, even justifiable opinions of prudence to the possible apprehensions of others.— For, Gentlemen, I do intreat you to be well aware that Timidity is not always prudence, nor is mildness at all times a virtue. There are Occasions which demand a spirited assertion of a freeman's claims; there are situations where safety is only to be found in firmness and in spirit. I know not what the honest passion of indignation was given us for, if it is not to be excited by continued misrepresentation and by intolerable oppression.— But general reasonings in favour of spirited measures come from a justly suspected quarter when urged by an anonymous writer, and I therefore appeal from them to the undelusive, intelligible evidence of fact. For more than a hundred years, years made long by repeated persecutions, and by a persevering resistance to our wishes; we have requited good for evil, and have been the most industrious as well as most effectual friends to a Constitution, equal and impartial to all men but to us. We have submitted in silence, in a Silence only broken by a few feeble requests for justice; but never interrupted by resentment on those requests being refused. You have ever been loyal to your sovereigns, obedient to the laws, devoted to the constitution: perhaps by being firm