

“ venture to request us to join with them in
 “ complaining of an act of parliament which
 “ we had lately petitioned for ;---which has
 “ cost the respectable persons who had under-
 “ taken the protection of our interest, so much
 “ pains and so much sollicitation to obtain
 “ for us ;---which has been granted to us by
 “ our most gracious sovereign as a mark of
 “ his peculiar kindness towards us ; and which
 “ has been received on our part with all the
 “ demonstrations of the most lively joy and
 “ gratitude, we having, all of us, but a few
 “ days since, signed an address to his majesty
 “ to thank him for passing it. Should we
 “ not make ourselves perfectly ridiculous, if
 “ we were now to express a dislike of an act
 “ which grants us every thing we had de-
 “ sired,---the free exercise of our religion,---
 “ the use of our ancient laws,---and the ex-
 “ tension of the boundaries of our province ?
 “ Those who pretend to be so much our
 “ friends have conceived so great an abhor-
 “ rence of this act only because they think it
 “ favours us too much.

“ It is true indeed that these acts do impose
 “ certain taxes on liquors. But were there
 “ not taxes of the same kind in the time of
 “ the French government ? And is it not
 “ reasonable that we should contribute some-
 “ thing towards the publick expences of the
 “ province ? And are not the taxes imposed
 “ by this act moderate in their quantity, and