

tude to benefactors, fidelity to friends. But tell him of the *favours* conferred by one nation on another, or of the *moral* obligations subsisting between them, and he would laugh at your ignorance. Interest, he would inform you, is the *soul* of all public bodies; the service they render others is merely with a view to their *own* advantage; it is the *generosity of an usurer*, and deserves no better return,

*Policy*, therefore, should influence the determination of public measures; whatever tends to the advantage of the community, should be accounted *just*; and whatever is expedient must consequently be *right*. Thus then let it be between England and America; if the haughty Britons call us unjust and ungrateful, let us retort on them the charge of tyranny and oppression; if they stigmatize our cause with the odious name of rebellion. let *us* pronounce it a noble struggle for liberty: if policy authorizes the continuance of the war, it is glorious; it must be *right* to persevere; and if fortune crowns our efforts with success, we will be content to leave them the consolation of calling us *ungrateful rebels*, if at the same time they are obliged to acknowledge us *free and independent Americans*.

Such have been the sentiments maintained by the majority in Congress, from the commencement