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**A**MERICA, by a solemn Treaty is become Independent; an Object to which its ambitious Leaders had long aspired. Without animadverting on the Motives or Means to obtain their Desires; the Editor only wishes, that their Justice had been as conspicuous as their Ambition; or, that they had at least manifested a Disposition to observe that Regard to public Faith, which has been thought essential to the Establishment of all New Systems. But although the acquiescence of *Great Britain* in granting the same, was founded as well in an Oblivion of past obnoxious Measures on either side, as a Reciprocity of Advantages, yet such of His Majesty's Subjects, whether Natives of that Country or Residents therein, who adhered to, and maintained their Loyalty and Allegiance to their Sovereign and the *British* Government, have been punished by the Attainder of their Persons, by Banishment, and by Confiscation of their Estates, not only