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To the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY.

The Petition of the *General Congress*, held at Philadelphia in November last.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN!

WE your Majesty's faithful subjects of the colonies of North America, &c. in behalf of ourselves and the inhabitants of *those colonies, who have deputed us to represent them in general congress* by this our humble petition beg leave to lay our grievances before the throne.

A standing army has been kept in these colonies ever since the conclusion of the late war, without the consent of our assemblies; and this army, with a considerable naval armament has been employed to enforce the collection of taxes.

The authority of the commander in chief, and under him of the brigadier general, has in time of peace been rendered supreme in all the civil governments in America.

The commander in chief of all your Majesty's forces in North America, has in time of peace, been appointed governor of a colony. The charges of usual offices have been greatly increased, and new expensive and oppressive offices have been multiplied.

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