

panies, should be dissolved, as most people I believe are convinced at this day, that those grants have not turned out as were expected.

Let the laws and government of the colonies be continued ; except that the colonists be allowed an easier access to the throne in their appeals.

Let all principals in office reside in their respective governments, and be *appointed* and *paid* by the Crown.

Let them have their assemblies upon the same footing that the parliament of England stands.

I have said before, that the trade of of America was not a sufficient recompence to Great Britain for their expence in protecting that country. Some annual sum therefore, ought to be contributed by the colonies for the general support of the Empire. The commissioners might very easily settle, from the number of inhabitants, the sum which each colony ought to pay. I would have it optional in them to pay their quota in money, or in the commodities of the province, either averaged, or at the market price ; or sent to England, to be sold, and the neat produce paid here ; so as to prevent its being collected in the colonies, by a collector appointed by the Crown.

That in any war which his Majesty shall think proper to declare, each colony shall supply a certain number of men for the sea and land to be *employed in America*, and to be in lieu of pressing, but not of recruiting. And when
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