

so much of, and which would not have suffered the seeds of Tyranny to have taken root? That unsuspecting confidence which you say once subsisted between this Country and America, is certainly at an end; but it was not our Ministers that destroyed it. No, Sir; it was the Americans who first broke this confidence; when they were making preparations for future hostilities in the lap of Peace; when their troops were allowed to be disciplined within the walls of Boston, then occupied by our army.—Will you deny that these unsuspecting Americans had been gradually arraying themselves for war for a number of years? Did not they first begin the outrages that occasioned it, by opposing themselves to their Governors, destroying every remnant of legal Justice, and robbing the East India Merchants of their property? If this, Sir, is not destroying unsuspecting confidence, I know not what is. Were we then to enforce our laws, or would you have had us waited in patient humility for still further acts of violence, till we were incapable of resisting them? The Principles of Law may demand that we should not defend our own lives till the extremity of self-preservation makes it necessary; but national prudence and national honour require more immediate exertion. I repeat to you, Sir, it was the virtuous Americans who first learnt the secret of taking an unsuspected advantage of our confidence; who claimed a right from one exemption to exercise another; and whose whole conduct

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