

peace restored, to endeavour to throw off *all* obedience and subjection! It is not the *Stamp Act* which has occasioned these riots and tumults in the colonies; no---this is only a pretence or subterfuge. Bolt the matter to the bran, and you will find that the real grievance, the true and ultimate object of complaint, is, the *Act of Navigation*; and it is to rid themselves of this burden, that they are now in a state of revolt and rebellion. If they succeed in their attempt to *terrify* and *force* the legislature of Great-Britain to repeal the *Stamp Act*; the very next step they will take, and they are paving the way to it, will be to reject the *Act of Navigation*, which bounds and circumscribes their commerce. This is the true point of light, in which the seditious behaviour of the Americans ought to be considered; and considered in this light, it would be a mark of extreme infatuation or madness, to yield that to their fury, which their sober reason could neither expect, nor demand. Away with those idle, half-witted politicians, who make no more difficulty of repealing the *Stamp-Act*, than of re-

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