

seems to be a mark of *judicial insatiation* inflicted on us by the righteous judgment of Almighty God, that we of the other Colonies can *think* of espousing *such* a cause, and of *risking* every thing that is dear, *against such inexpressible odds*--in support of a scheme which all of us, but a few Presbyterians and Independents, in our hours of reflexion, if we have any, must despise and abhor.

The hopes of all moderate and considerate persons among us, whose numbers I believe are not small, were long fixed upon the general *American Congress*. They imagined it to be the business and design of this grand COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEES, to find out some way consistent with our claims for obtaining the restoration of our common tranquillity, and a happy reconciliation of Great-Britain to her Colonies. The known character of some Gentlemen appointed as Delegates, and the supposed character of most of the others, led us to expect from them all that we wanted; and to believe that the united wisdom of the Americans would shine in full splendor at the *Congress*, and that the prudence and policy of the Counsels there taken would be such, as would have done honour to an Assembly of the greatest sages of antiquity. But---the poor Americans are doomed to disappointment. The first discovery of the sentiments of the *Congress* was shocking. Every thing was kept secret for some weeks, and we flattered ourselves with hoping for the best. But when the news arrived at *Philadelphia*, that the people of *Suffolk* had OPENLY REVOLTED FROM THEIR ALLEGIANCE to the *King* and his government; in a sudden transport of joy, the veil of the *Congress* was drawn back, and a mystery revealed that filled the minds of many with surprize and astonishment. The mystery was, that the Gentlemen of the *Congress*, in whom we confided as the faithful guardians of the *safety*, as well as *rights* of America, were disposed to enter into a league offensive and defensive, with its *worst enemies*, the New-England and other Presbyterian Republicans. This fact is notorious to the world; it can neither be denied nor palliated; for they hastily and eagerly published, (and it was the first thing that they *did* publish) their cordial approbation of the *Suffolk Resolves* for erecting an *Independent Government* in New-England; and recommended to the Americans the support of those measures *with united efforts*. From that time every moderate man among us has despaired of seeing any good produced by the *Congress*; and from that time every thing that was bad has been growing worse.

Friends, Countrymen and Fellow-Subjects! let me entreat you
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