

by the Castle. The question then was, with many, whether the Governor, Officers and Consignees should be compelled to send the ships hence? An army and navy was at hand, and bloodshed was apprehended. At last, when the Continent as well as the Town and Province, were waiting the issue of this deliberation with the utmost anxiety, a number of persons, in the night, put them out of suspense, by an oblation to Neptune.

“ THE revenue was not the consideration before Parliament.” Let who will it. But if it was not, the danger to America was the same. I take no notice of the idea of a monopoly. If it had been only a monopoly (though in this light it would have been a grievance) it would not have excited, nor in the opinion of any one, justified the step that was taken. It was an attack upon a fundamental principle of the Constitution, and upon that supposition was resisted, after multitudes of petitions to no purpose; and because there was no tribunal in the Constitution, from whence redress could have been obtained.

ALL men are convinced that it was impracticable to return the tea, and rendered so by Mr. Hutchinson and the Boston Consignees.

M

Whether