

“ Colonists, be of the most dangerous
 “ Tendency ;” would, if critically considered, furnish our Enemies with too circumstantial a Knowledge of our domestic and most interesting Derangements.

I have read all the Remonstrances and Resolutions of the several Colonies, with the Letters that have appeared in Support of, and also most of those Publications that have been designed as Answers to them:— The Weakness and Impropriety of this Tax seem now to be confessed on all Hands, but the Legality or Illegality of the Measure, neither clearly asserted by the one, nor irrefragably refuted by the other ; You therefore, my dear Sir, flatter *Me* too much, in desiring my Thoughts in a Matter that would do Credit to the most able Pens of Government ; but to shew my Readiness in complying with your Request, and at the same Time *my* Desire of Information, and to have my own Doubts in this Business cleared up, I shall proceed to lay before you my Sentiments, such as they are, with Respect to the Jurisdiction of the Parliament of Great Britain over the Colonies.

In this Question I conceive, that neither the Policy or Object of an Act of Parliament, are to be considered as the Means for determining the Legality of the Duty it