

common People should never feel *any further impositions* upon articles they consume.

By the advice of a small circle of Independent Men, I offer the above to your Lordship's consideration, and

Have the honour to be, &c.

Windfor, Dec. 17, 1778.

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P. S. I have said what two per cent. would probably produce; but the Committee would assuredly contribute according to the *exigency*, and according to what other property contributed; and I set out with presuming, they would see the impolicy of a further extension of Taxes which *affect Trade*, and thereby reduce the produce of *those Taxes* appropriated to pay *them their Interest*, especially at a time when Government would be unable to give them redress or assistance. Raising supplies by my method would let *the People see what the war really costs them*. Had this been the case in former wars, we should not have pursued them with a view to extend or add to our Territory beyond the Atlantic, at the expence of a Mortgage of our Property here. But having attained the *original object*, we should have confined our views to the destruction of the Enemy's Trade, by which they would have been sufficiently humbled, and our Country rather enriched than impoverished. as a Naval War might be easily supported without further Funding.

In illustration of the plan above-mentioned, let us suppose, that *A* being possessed of 100l. Stock, is willing to remit two per cent. of his capital, which *B* supplies; so that *A* will receive interest of 98, and *B* of 2. In such case, and was the war to continue 15 years more, *A* would
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