

laws, and thankfulness to heaven, that we are still under their government.

Above all, let us not suppress that war-like ardour for which we have ever been distinguished. Without magnanimity and valour, wealth and power are precarious, and wisdom and liberty but empty names. To be secure, we must be brave. All America is now in arms; shall we remain feeble and unwarlike? The plough and the loom must be left for a while, that we may not be obliged to abandon them for ever. For, if the Almighty does not interpose to subdue the minds of our domestic foes, or if we do not exert our native strength, in vain shall we think to conquer them by foreign hands. If we could, they might, perhaps, in future, learn to fear the severity of a master, but never again would they revere the authority of a parent.

Since, then, my brethren, to yield to the claims of America would be inexpedient and dishonourable; since the war is just and necessary, let us prosecute it with vigour, with cheerfulness and perseverance, till the rebellious children of our brother Benjamin find, that the same ardent national spirit

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