

this act of natural and legal justice, without adding in any considerable degree to its burdens, will not, cannot be controverted. For probably less than *one-fourth* part of the sum necessary to defray the public exigencies of a war during one year, will be abundantly sufficient for this equitable purpose: and they trust in the liberality and magnanimity of the nation, that the plan of public œconomy, so just and so necessary in every society, will not be a bar to the justice they have a right to claim as individual subjects; nor be extended farther, in regard to *them*, than common justice requires: for they conceive that the consideration of *public œconomy* can have no beginning until the demands of *public faith* and *national justice are fulfilled*; that however useful and necessary it may be, at all times, and upon all occasions, it can have no weight when opposed to *public justice*; and that, in the nature of things, it can only regard the *bounties* and *voluntary expences* of the State.

WHILE the American Loyalists thus contend for public justice, they cheerfully agree, that a nation is not obliged to carry on a long and unsuccessful war against numerous and powerful enemies. They will suppose, without presuming to *judge*, that the State is reduced to the unfortunate alternative of continuing the war at the expence of *twenty millions yearly*, or, of giving up the *estates of a number of its faithful and deserving subjects*.