

who rather serve the *French* thro' Fear than Inclination, will immediately return to our Interest, and act jointly with our Irregulars, in disturbing the *French* in their Settlements; which would draw off many of the *Coureurs des Bois*, as well as of the Regulars, to the Protection of their own People. — But as this will require considerable Sums of Money, even more than we can easily spare, 'tis just and reasonable that the Colonies should contribute to an Expence principally calculated for their own Safety and Protection. Yet in the present Situation of their Currency, and in the Manner of raising the provincial Taxes, they are utterly unable to contribute any Thing considerable in this way, unless it be thought agreeable to the Wisdom of the Legislature to establish a Fund for the general Use and Security of the Colonies, or to allow our Governors in *America* to issue Notes or Bills of Credit, redeemable by some future Provision to be made by Parliament.

UPON the whole, if we compare the Number of the *French* Settlers on the Continent of *America*, with our Number and Situation, and the many Resources we have, if properly exerted, it is Matter of Wonder and Amazement to consider the Advantages they have gained over us, and the Danger we are still exposed to from the Want of System in the Conduct of publick Affairs: As we are at present circumstanced, we cannot reasonably,