

ment, than to presume to hunt down the game for them myself.

I CANNOT conclude, without retouching a point, which I have as yet barely glanced at, but which deserves the most mature and most solid attention; I mean, the necessity of enforcing the right of the supreme legislature to frame Money-bills, as well as other laws, for America, upon the primary grand principle, the cardinal law of Nature, SELF-PRESERVATION. It grieves me to consider the interests of Britain in a light of opposition to those of her Colonies: but the Colonies themselves extort the distinction. Are they not at this moment taking every harsh measure, by conventions, combinations, provincial compacts, and lawless associations — I had almost added, by solemn leagues and covenants, to distress our manufacturers, and set up an avowed Independence for themselves? and this is too at a time when they have just received the tenderest proofs of
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