

It is my conviction of the necessity of a general exertion, that leads me to address this Letter to you, and not the vain presumption, that my services can have any thing more than a good intention to recommend them. Though the nightly guard of your persons and your property gives you no information when he calls the hour, yet you justly require him to do so, because it is a proof that he is present at his station, and mindful of his duty. These few lines may at least serve to shew that the actual number of your meeting is by no means a complete catalogue of those whose hearts are full of ardent wishes for the restoration of our rights. I solicit your attention with confidence, because I know that I am touched by feelings which are not particular, and that I express not my own opinion only, but that of many of the most respectable among our friends.

This I am sure of, that the *Resolutions* are founded on sentiments, which not only all dissenters, but all friends to freedom and to truth, ought to entertain concerning those statutes by which so many of us and of our fellow citizens are deprived of our rights; and it is hoped they are framed so as to fear no antagonists but those of liberty and reason. It cannot be necessary, in writing to such a meeting, convened for such purposes as it is, and at so interesting a time, to say