

veral Governors, who were directed to lay them before their assemblies. In those letters, the occasion was explained for their satisfaction, with gracious expressions of his Majesty's confidence in their known duty and affection, on which he relied, that they would grant such sums as should be suitable to their abilities, loyalty, and zeal for his service.—That the Colonies had always granted liberally during the late war; that the King, sensible they had granted much more than their proportion, had recommended it to Parliament five years successively, to make them some compensation, and the Parliament accordingly returned them 200,000 *l.* a-year to be divided among them. That the proposition of taxing them in Parliament was therefore both novel and unnecessary. That by the constitution of the Colonies their business in matters of aid was with the King; they had nothing to do with any financier in England nor his projects, nor he with them; nor were the Agents the proper channels through which requisitions should be made. It was therefore improper for them to enter into any stipulation, or make any proposition to Mr. Grenville, about laying taxes on their constituents by Parliament, which had really no right at all to tax them; especially as the notice he had sent them of a revenue to be required of them, did not appear to be the King's order, and perhaps was without his knowledge; as the King, when he would obtain any thing of them, always accompanied his requisition with good words; but this