

*power* of taxation. I do not mention the *right* of taxation, for of what consequence is that to this kingdom, unless it be exerted? You may talk, harangue, and swagger about it, as much as you please; but if you cannot, or dare not, enforce it, I will be bold to say, that it is ideal and visionary, and that you give up the *substance*, whilst you grasp at a mere *shadow*.

I have not patience with those gentlemen, who, through their ignorance of human nature, or an untimely timidity of disposition, talk of *ascertaining the right of taxation*, and yet are for *repealing* the Stamp-Act. Such a scheme as this is impossible, in the very nature of things; and to attempt it will be giving up both the *right* and the *power*, in as clear a manner, as *facts* are more express, and indisputable, than *words*. Is it credible that the Colonists will submit to any future imposition; when they have found, by joyful experience, that they have nothing to do, but to rise up in arms, and oppose violence to legal authority? No!---they will infallibly