

Matter in Dispute to be of much greater Consequence to this Country, than many, whom I have conversed with, affect to consider it: A few Regiments, say they, well appointed and properly distributed amongst them, will soon bring them to a just Sense of their Duty, and the Stamp Act be as familiar there, as the Land Tax is here; but I take it to be a Matter of more serious Attention, and to be reconciled by a much nicer Conduct, than any of those tumultuous Assemblies and Murmurs which the Cyder Act has occasioned in many Counties, may require: Perhaps, at the same Time, I may not be very much mistaken in my Conjecture that this little Specimen of Disobedience to legislative Authority at Home, may have encouraged our Brethren to an Imitation of the same lawless and undutiful Carriage Abroad: I will not, however, at present, labour the Comparison which would prove the above Assertion, as it would lead me into the Argument of a Subject which ought only to be revolved in a Man's most secret Thoughts, or agitated in his Majesty's most secret Councils; for I think that this Question, " Whether an Impatience of Parliamentary Authority by the " Inhabitants of this Island, or a general " Revolting and Disobedience to it by our " Colonists,