

The encrease of territory to Great Britain in America, since the peace, has made it necessary for seven thousand more forces to be kept up there, than were before the war; the expence of maintaining which, amounts to near *three hundred thousand pounds* a year. Add to this, the enormous sum of above *fifty millions*, expended in protecting her from the common enemy; who would have put the bit of slavery in her mouth, and have loaded her with burthens, too heavy to be borne. Besides this, she has experienced every kindness and indulgence in her manufactories and commerce, which it was possible for the most tender parent to afford. Need I mention the bounties that have been granted on Hemp, Flax, Timber, Indico, and several other Commodities? And what return has been required for all these weighty obligations? A sum not exceeding sixty thousand pounds a year, levied upon the most able and opulent, in the gentlest manner, and at the properest seasons. There might be some cause to complain (though it would even *then* be ungrateful) if the tax was either in itself,

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