

will support these facts. It will incontestably prove, that they have received every encouragement which consisted with their own particular interest, and which was not adverse to the general welfare of the society.

Before, as well as since, the accession of his present Majesty, the annals of this kingdom will shew that the Colonies have been nourished in their infancy, and supported in their more adult age, with all the attention of a most affectionate parent. If through their own folly they have, in their infant state, quarrelled with their neighbours, their enemies have been considered as the enemies of Britain. If their trade has been injured, or their territory invaded, Britain has not failed to resent the injury. If by repeated acts of fraud and injustice to their inoffensive neighbours, they have incurred their resentment, Britain has stepped in, and by annual donations repaired the injuries, and effected a reconciliation. If the produce of their soil was necessary to promote the interest or safety of the community at large, in which their own was of course included, generous bounties, to which they did not contribute, were given, as an encouragement to their industry, out of the pockets of their British fellow-subjects. If French ambition and Popish superstition have threatened to *annihilate* their civil and religious liberty, the treasure and blood of Britons have been devoted to their preservation.

In the two last wars, when the powers of France and Spain threatened the destruction of their commerce, and the conquest of their country, Great-Britain, regardless of the expenditure of millions, and the loss of many thousands of her subjects, by her fleets and armies saved them from ruin, leaving them to contribute what aids *they pleased*, towards securing their own safety. And to close the scene of benefits bestowed on these ungrateful people, at the conclusion of the last war, Great-Britain, unsuspecting of their ambitious and treacherous designs, gave them, by the retention of Canada, absolute