

est danger, and even after many hundreds had fallen victims to the unrelenting cruelties of the Rebel States, on no other account but that of their allegiance to their Sovereign, and fidelity to their fellow-subjects in Great Britain. They have, notwithstanding those cruelties, at every hazard, and in the face of the most imminent danger, obeyed those calls, and generously stepped forth in defence of the Supreme Authority of the State. In direct consequence of which, their lives have been attainted, their estates confiscated and applied to the use of the Rebels. Thus called on, and having suffered such losses, and made such sacrifices to the Public Safety, they conceive that they have, *in an especial manner*, an incontestible right to national justice and public protection. And therefore they entertain a well-grounded confidence, that those losses and sacrifices will not be solely borne by themselves, but will, as they ought, by every principle of law and natural justice, be equally distributed and borne by the whole society. On them the burthen will be *light and insignificant*; but were it to rest on the suffering individuals, it would be *unjust in the utmost degree, intolerable, and unmerciful*.

THAT a nation, consisting of 9,000,000 of people, and possessed of more real and substantial wealth than any other in Europe, is able to do
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