

*To beard the Lion in his Den,
John Adams in his Hall,*

might again tell him that Georgia would join in no war when her own immediate interests were not concerned.

I said in the commencement, that my motive for addressing you was a selfish one ; I am not indeed without hope that the Letter itself may do good, and induce you to pause ere you frame your Report on the Resources of this Province ; my principal object is, however, that you should have the sense of the Country upon the Question, and that the People should know, that unless great care be taken, the kind intentions of a munificent Government, which wishes to confer a favour, may, by bad advice, be frustrated and turn out an Evil in the end: for such I say will be the case if Paupers are indiscriminately landed on our Coasts. Neither do we want Children to be sent to us for adoption, apprenticeship or any other visionary scheme. Your residence here will tell you that. Why (to use a diplomatic term) we could *reciprocate* with the Mother Country in that Traffic.

We shall be, as we always have been, grateful to England for favors, but rather than that they should be administered in the manner Parliament has been led to suppose the best, e'en leave us as we are, a happy and contented people. Do not send a population here, who when you cease to feed them, will become a burden to us. Do not run the risk of having the wife and family deserted by the worthless