

You, one and all, talk of your rights by charter: but are not some of the Colonies without charters? And do all the charters convey exactly the same privileges and rights? Do any of them say, that you shall not be bound by laws made in Great Britain? Nay, does not the charter of *Pennsylvania* say expressly, that *taxes* may be laid upon the inhabitants *by act of Parliament*? None therefore have a right to plead their charters, in the present controversy, with the mother country, who reside in the colonies that are without charters, or in *Pennsylvania*; and it is high time for those who reside in the other colonies, to furnish some kind of evidence, that their charters give *them* the right for which they contend. They have not yet done this; they have not attempted to do it; I suspect they never will attempt it; and I challenge them to do it if they can. You may have heard some of them *declaim* on this topic, and you may hear them again; but, if you expect the *proof* called for, you will be disappointed.

What has been offered is in order to shew, that, in reality, no proper *right* of the colonies is infringed by the late act of Parliament, that imposes a small duty on the teas exported to America. And here it is worthy of notice, and we ought to attend to it all along as we proceed, that the colonies of *Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia*, the *Carolinas* and *Georgia*, are not affected by any other of the late acts of Parliament; and have no dispute of their own with the mother country, but what arises from the tea-act.

But let us now *suppose*, that we have been really injured by this act; and that our paying the duty would be dangerous to our constitutional liberties.

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