'Till the late disturbances the Americans lived in perfect ease and freedom, every man's person and property was quite secure; he was only amenable to the laws, and those so mild that they restrained no man more from the exercife of his natural liberty, than a good man would wish to restrain himself if there was no municipal law at all. The press was open, conversation free, no persecution for religious principles, every man was at liberty to worship God after his own mode. The spirit of freedom flourished in every village. Their number and wealth increased so fast, that England would foon have as little power as she has hitherto had inclination to oppress and enslave them, which makes the folly of those in America who are the authors of this war, as notorious as their wickedneis.

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