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PERHAPS the nature of the necessities of dependant states, caused by the policy of a governing one, for her own benefit, may be elucidated by a fact mentioned in history. When the Carthaginians were possessed of the island of Sardinia, they made a decree, that the Sardinians should not raise corn, nor get it any other way than from the Carthaginians. Then, by imposing any duties they would upon it, they drained from the miserable Sardinians any sums they pleased; and whenever that oppressed people made the least movement to affert their liberty, their tyrants starved them to death or submission. This may be called the most persect kind of political necessity.

From what has been faid, I think this uncontrovertible conclusion may be deduced, that when a ruling state obliges a dependant state to take certain commodities from her alone, it is implied in the nature of that obligation; is effentially requisite to give it the least degree of justice; and is inseparably united with it, in order to preserve any share of freedom to the dependant state; that those commodities should never be loaded with duties, for the sole purpose of levying money on the dependant state.

UPON the whole, the fingle question is, whether the parliament can legally impose duties to be paid by the people of these colonies ends, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF RAISING A REVENUE, on commodities subich she obliges us to take from her alone, or, in other words, whether the parliament can legally take money out of our pockets, without our consent. If they can, our boasted liberty is but

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