

their natural understandings will return to them, and irresistibly plead the necessity of a submission as soon as possible. In that case happy would it be for them, if they could be considered only as conquered enemies; but alas! they must be viewed in the light of *vanquished rebels*, and treated accordingly. Their leaders must be given up into the executioner's hands; confiscations of their estates forfeited by rebellion, must follow, and all must be left at the mercy of their vanquishers. When one people is conquered by another in war, private property is restored to its former possessors; but when rebellions are crushed, the most to be expected is, that the lives of those that belong to the lower classes will be spared.

To this wretched and accursed state of rebellion, the principles that have been propagated, and several steps that have been taken in the American Colonies, directly tend. Nay, a rebellion is *already evidently commenced in New-England*, in the county of *Suffolk*, without room for retreating. The inhabitants of that large and populous county have openly bid defiance to the united authority of the King, Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament; they have most contemptuously rejected the regulations of their courts of justice &c. established by Parliament; and not only so, but they have set up in *direct opposition* to their authority, a government of their own. In the spirit of outrageous licentiousness, they have compelled by brutal violence, those respectable gentlemen that held Commissions under the Crown, to resign them in forms of their own inditing, and to relinquish their stations; and they have appointed others of the same factious and turbulent disposition with themselves to fill their places, till their long-projected *republic* * shall be settled, which is the glorious object. They

* I am persuaded that there are not many men in the other Colonies of any denomination, who have not a general prevailing principle of affection, esteem and veneration for our civil Constitution, however it may be darkened by the gross exhalations occasioned by the heat of the present disputes. But in *New-England* I conceive, the real sentiments of the people are of a peculiar complexion. Many of the first settlers imported with them an aversion to the regal part of our Constitution, and were thorough-paced Republicans. To every species of monarchy they were as inveterate enemies as any of their brethren, whom they left behind them in *England*; some of whom could not bear to read the word *King* in their *Bibles*, but wherever it occurred they substituted *Civil Magistrate* in its place. It is well known that even good old father BAXTER was a remarkable instance of this nature. In the time of CROMWELL'S usurpation, he published his book of *Saints everlasting Rest*, in which he thought fit to use the phrase of *THE PARLIAMENT OF HEAVEN*, instead of saying *THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN* †. Now those original settlers

† GREY'S answer to NEAL.