

“ latter were equally so. I do not think
 “ America complains of particular injuries so
 “ much as she does of the violation of her
 “ rights. The congress sum up the whole
 “ of their grievances in that passage of the
 “ declaratory act which asserts the right of
 “ Great Britain to make laws to bind them
 “ in all cases whatsoever. That is the true
 “ bone of contention. They positively deny
 “ the right not the mode of exercising it.
 “ They would allow the King of Great Britain
 “ a nominal sovereignty over them, *but*
 “ *nothing else*. They would throw off their
 “ dependence on the crown of Great Britain
 “ but not on the person of the King whom
 “ they would render a cypher. They would
 “ be as Hanover is to England.” To this
 state of the controversy you were pleased to
 add, in favour of hostile measures : “ The
 “ Americans are now at war, they have invaded
 “ Canada, they are acting on the offensive;
 “ we are not to enquire who was the aggressor;
 “ whether we are right or wrong, we must proceed.
 “ We are not to discriminate the innocent from
 “ the guilty, if we do not kill them, they will kill us.”

Of three positions which your Lordship has
 endeavoured to establish, it is hard to discover
 which is best calculated to promote the present
 views of administration. If either of them
 should be fully received, it may be expected
 that the nation will cordially apply their