

Parliament, devoted to a vile administration, combine to persevere in carrying any one point against the constitution, they are from that moment a faction (incendiaries) and not a government; they are traitors, traitors to the people. Let me now ask, whether faction first took rise in America, or the mother country? In that spot (wherever it may be) we must look for these incendiaries and traitors. I have put the question fairly; it is simple, plain, and determinative.—I pause for a reply—not from the mouth of a haughty pensioner, a Scotch placeman, or a fawning courtier; but by the decision of a true constitutionalist I am willing to abide. In the interim, I shall declare my own opinion—That the mother country, represented as she is by a corrupt majority, first formed a faction herself against the laws and liberties of America; nay, she has done more, she has artfully formed even a religious faction (the worst of all others) upon that great continent. Her government has of late been administered upon such mistaken, narrow, rotten principles, that she did not think herself secure till she had established Popery by act of Parliament at Quebec, by way of fomenting dissensions and enmity in those dominions she would enslave, or administration knew and feared the principles of the people upon that continent. They had read that their ancestors were Puritans, and no friends to tyranny or popery; they