

Suppose a peace concluded between the two Countries, would Mr. Burke wish that the captives should be returned to America, to be tried by their own Countrymen, who had been equally criminal with the prisoner, and who consequently could not act with impartiality? They must, therefore, be tried in England; in that Country against which they committed the offence; who are the only Judges of their criminality; and where they would stand, at least, a fair chance in their trial by Jury, by the care that has been taken by yourself, and by your Party, to propagate principles so favourable to their cause.

But supposing, Sir, that this Suspension should be hung up, as probably it may be, and frequently has been, merely to strike terror, and to convince those who might be inclined to rebel, that they were liable to such punishment; can any thing be well more flagitious, first by your maxims to encourage them to Rebellion, and then to enforce the construction of this Act against them? Can you answer it to yourself, friend as you wish to be thought to the Liberties of America, to extort the definition of that Act which must be hostile to them, and instead of suffering Administration to exercise their compassion, to bring down upon the heads of the Americans the storm that might haply pass over them? Your analogy between former Rebellions in this Country and the present, is undeserving of notice. The Power which could easily conquer and
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