

Secondly, "That Tumults & Insurrections of the most dangerous Nature have been raised & Carried on in Several of the North American Colonies in open defiance of the Power & Dignity of His Majestys Governm^t & in Manifest Violation of the Laws & Legislative Authority of this Kingdom."

Thirdly, "That the s^d Tumults & Insurrections have been encouraged & inflam'd by Sundry Votes & Resolutions pass'd in several of the Assemblies of the said Province Derogatory to the Honor of His Majestys Governm^{ts} and Destructive of the legal & fundamental Dependancy of the s^d Colonies on the Imperial Crown and Parliam^t of Great Britain." Which Resolutions were founded on a full Examination of the Papers on our Table, manifesting a Denyal of the Legislative Authority of the Crown & Parliam^t of Great Britain, to impose Duties & Taxes on our North American Colonies & a Criminal Resistance thereof made to the Execution of the Commercial & other Regulations of the Stamp Act, & of other Acts of Parliam^t We are of opinion that the Total Repealing of that Law, especially whilst such Resistance continues would (as Gov^r Bernard says is their Intention) make the Authority of Great Britain, contemptible hereafter: And that such a Submission of King, Lords & Commons under such circumstances in so Strange & unheard of a Contest, would in Effect Surrender their antient unalienable Rights of Supreme Jurisdiction, & give them exclusively to the Subordinate Provincial Legislatures established by Prerogative; w^{ch} was never intended or thought of, & is not in the Power of Prerogative to bestow, as they are inseparable from the 3 Estates of the Realm Assembled in Parliament.

2^{dly} Because the Law, w^{ch} this Bill now proposes to Repeal, was pass'd in the other House, wth very little opposition and in this without one Dissentient Voice during the last Session of Parliam^t which we presume, if it had been wholly & fundamentally Wrong, could, not Possibly have happen'd as the matter of it is so Important, & as the Intention of bringing it in had been communicated to the Commons by the first Commiss^r of his Majestys Treasury, the year before, & a Resolution relating & preparatory to it was then Agreed to in that House without any Division.

3^{dly} Because If any particular parts of that Law, the Principle of which has been experienced & Submitted to in this Country without repining, for near a Century past had been found liable to Just & reasonable Objections, they might have been Alter'd by a Bill to explain & amend it, without repealing the whole; and if any such Bill had been sent to us by the Commons, We sho^d have thought it our Duty to have given it a most serious Consideration, wth a warm Desire of