

Lib. J. R. deavour to excite and encourage. You will all, in a particular
& U. S. Manner, call upon them not to render their Case desperate.
you will, in the strongest Colours, represent to them the
dreadful Consequences that must inevitably attend the forcible and violent Resistance to Acts of the British Parliament, and the Scene of Misery and Calamity to Themselves, and of mutual Weakness and Distraction to both Countries, inseparable from such a Conduct.

If by lenient and persuasive Methods, you can contribute to restore that Peace and Tranquillity to the Provinces, on which their Welfare and Happiness depend, you will do a most acceptable and essential Service to your Country; But, having taken every Step, which the utmost Prudence & Lenity can dictate, in Compassion to the folly and Ignorance of some misguided People, you will not on the other hand, fail to use your utmost Power for the repelling all Acts of Outrage and Violence, and to Provide for the Maintenance of Peace and good Order in the Province by such a timely exertion of Force, as the Occasion may require; for which purpose you will make the proper Application to General Gage, or Lord Colvill, Commanders of His Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in America. For, however unwillingly His Majesty may consent to the Exertion of such Powers, as may endanger the safety of a Single Subject, yet can he not permit his own Dignity, and the Authority of the British Legislature to be trampled on by Force and Violence, and in avowed Contempt of all Order, Duty and Decorum.

If the Subject is aggrieved, he knows in what manner legally and Constitutionally to apply for Relief, but it is not suitable either to the Safety or Dignity of the British Empire, that any Individuals, under the pretence of redressing Grievances, should presume to Violate the Publick Peace.

I am with great Truth and Regard

Sir your most obedient humble Servant

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Sir

p. 403 I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majestys Treasury, to Signify to your Excellency, their desire, that you will give your Aid and Assistance, to the Distributor of Stamps within your Government, in whatever may relate to his Duty in the Execution of his Office, under the Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, and that you Excellency would be particular in seeing that the Chief Distributor do appoint under Distributors in every proper Town and Place within your Government, and that each of the said under Distributors, be well supplied with Stamps for all Demands, and