

and Violence, on the other. It is impossible, at this Distance, to assist you by any Particular or Positive Instruction, because you will find yourself necessarily obliged to take your Resolutions, as Particular Circumstances and Emergencies may require.

His Majesty, and the Servants he honours with his confidence, cannot but lament the ill advised Intemperance shown already in some of the Provinces, by taking up a Conduct, which can in no way contribute to the Removal of any real Grievances they might labour under, but may tend to obstruct and impede the Exertion of his Majesty's benevolent Attention to the ease and Comfort, as well as the Welfare of all his People.

It is hoped and expected, that this want of Confidence in the Justice and Tenderneſs of the Mother Country, and this open Resistance to its Authority, can only have found place among the lower, and more ignorant of the People; The better, and wiser part of the Colonies will know, that Obedience and Submission may prevail, not only to redress Grievances, but to obtain Grace and Favour, while the Outrage of a Public Violence can expect nothing but Severity and Chastisement; These Sentiments you and all His Majesty's Servants, from a Sense of your Duty to, and Love of your Country, will endeavour to excite and encourage. You will call, in a particular Manner, call upon them not to render their Case desperate. You will, in the strongest Manner, 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 Destruction 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 Applications to General Gage, or Lord Cornwall, Commanders of His Majesty's Land and Naval Forces in America. For, however unwilling His Majesty may consent to the Exertion of such Power, 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
H. S. Conway

Sir

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to signify to your Excellency, their desire, that you will give your Aid and Assistance, to the Distributors of