

Now, this Argument, which is all that their Invention hath been able to supply, is totally defective; for, it consists of Facts not true, and of Conclusions inadmissible.

It is so far from being true, that all the Persons enumerated under the Character of *Non-Electors*, are in that Predicament, that it is indubitably certain there is *no* Species of Property, landed, or monied, which is not possessed by *very many* of the *British Electors*.

I shall undertake to disprove the supposed Similarity of Situation, whence the same Kind of Representation is deduced of the Inhabitants of the Colonies, and of the *British Non-Electors*; and, if I succeed, the Notion of a *virtual Representation* of the Colonies must fail, which, in Truth, is a mere Cob-web, spread to catch the unwary, and intangle the weak. I would be understood. I am upon a Question of *Propriety*, not of Power; and, though some may be inclined to think it is to little Purpose to discuss the one, when the other is irresistible, yet are They different Considerations; and, at the same Time that I invalidate the Claim upon which it is founded, I may very consistently recommend a Submission to the Law, whilst it endures. I shall say Nothing of the Use I intend by the Discussion; for, if it should not be perceived by the Sequel, there is no Use in it, and, if it should appear then, it need not be premised.

Lessees for Years, Copyholders, Proprietors of the Public Funds, Inhabitants of *Birmingham, Leeds, Halifax, and Manchester*, Merchants of the City of *London*, or Members of the Corporation of the *East-India Company*, are, *as such*, under no personal Incapacity to be Electors; for they may acquire the Right of Election, and there are *actually* not only a considerable Number of Electors in each of the Classes of Lessees for Years, &c. but in many of them, if not all, even Members of Parliament. The Interests therefore of the Non-Electors, the Electors, and the Representatives, are individually the same; to say nothing of the Connection among Neighbours, Friends, and Relations. The Security of the Non-Electors against Oppression, is, that their Oppression will fall also upon the Electors and the Representatives. The one can't be injured, and the other indemnified.

Further, if the Non-Electors should not be taxed by the *British* Parliament, They would not be taxed *at all*; and it would be iniquitous, as well as a Solecism, in the political System, that They should partake of all the Benefits resulting from the Imposition, and Application of Taxes, and derive an Immunity from the Circumstance of not being qualified to vote.

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