

and the Preservation of her Superiority, and the Subordination of the Colonies, are secured, and therefore is comprehended in the Distinction.

After citing, and applying this Statute, the Examiner takes Occasion to insult a Gentleman of a most amiable and respectable Character, because he presumed, it seems, to question the Universality of Parliamentary Power, and appears to be so totally occupied in the Business of Defamation, as not to be aware of his running into the most egregious Inconsistencies. If the Examiner is a Lawyer, he has betray'd the most shameful Ignorance; if an Agent, the most infamous Unfaithfulness. Had the *American Chief Justice* acted in *England*, as too many of his Countrymen have done—Had He paid his Court to Power, by mean Compliances, and endeavoured to recommend Himself, by inventing Accusations against the Colonies, by representing the Inhabitants in Them, as a refractory, disloyal, and rebellious People, and by proposing Schemes for their Depression—Had He not firmly maintained his Character of Honour and Probity, we should not have seen this Impeachment of his Understanding; but he left the Task of Prostitution to the Man of sordid Views,

*Ille superbos Aditus Regum,
Durasq; fores, expers Scmni
Colat——*

“ Had the Colonies,” says the Examiner, “ agreed to the Imposition of the Stamp-Duties, a Precedent would have been established for their being consulted, before any Imposition upon Them by Parliament would hereafter take Place.” He intimates that They were advised by some of their Agents to take this Course: If such Advice hath been given, it was weak or insidious, and the Agents, who recommended the Measure, ought to be removed for their Incapacity or their Treachery.

How would the Precedent have been established, or, if it had, what would have been the Advantage? This Conduct would have admitted, that the Colonies might be taxed at any Time, and in any Manner, without their Consent; and consequently, would at once have been an effectual Surrender of all their Privileges as *British* Subjects.

If Precedents were to be regarded, when a Tax in *America*, for the *single Purpose of Revenue* is required, they are not wanting. Upon such Occasions, the Course hath always, and uniformly been, till the Imposition of the Stamp-Duties, to transmit Requisitions to the Colonies; and, if the Instance cited by the Examiner, is, in any Degree pertinent, he has shewn in his