

Interval) to prove what might be demonstrated immediately—Instead of moping, and pining, and whining to excite Compassion; in such a Situation we ought with Spirit, and Vigour, and Alacrity, to bid Defiance to Tyranny, by exposing it's Impotence, by making it as contemptible, as it would be detestable. By a vigorous Application to Manufactures, the Consequence of Oppression in the Colonies to the Inhabitants of *Great-Britain*, would strike Home, and immediately. None would mistake it. Craft and Subtilty would not be able to impose on the most ignorant and credulous; for if any should be so weak of Sight as not to See, they would not be so callous as not to Feel it.—Such Conduct would be the most dutiful and beneficial to the Mother-Country. It would point out the Distemper when the Remedy might be easy, and a Cure at once effected by a simple Alteration of Regimen.

Of this Measure should there be Apprehensions, and Ministerial Orators and Panegyrist's endeavour to obviate them by observing, that, "it would always be easy to reinstate Things where they were, and that by easing the Colonies of their Burthens, and giving Encouragement to their Produce; the Establishment of any Manufacture in *America* might be prevented." We should mark well this Reasoning, and avail ourselves of the Instruction given by our Enemies, which would point out to Us the Remedy, and the more speedy the Application of it the better, and that would depend upon ourselves.

Besides the Urgency of such an Occasion (should it happen) there would be another Powerful Inducement to this simple, natural, easy Method—The good or bad Success of one Attempt to oppress, generally produces or prevents future Impositions. In common Life a Tameness in bearing a Deprivation of Part of a Man's Property, encourages Rapacity to seize the rest.

Any Oppression of the Colonies, would intimate an Opinion of them I am persuaded they don't deserve, and their Security as well as Honour ought to engage them to confute. When Contempt is mixed with Injustice, and Insult with Violence, which is the Case when an Injury is done to him who hath the Means of Redress in his Power; if the injured hath one inflammable Grain of Honour in his Breast, his Resentment will invigorate his Pursuit of Reparation, and animate his Efforts to obtain an effectual Security against a Repetition of the Outrage.

If the Case supposed should really happen, the Resentment I should recommend would be a legal, orderly, and prudent Resentment, to be expressed