

being for ever Lost; and our subordinate Legislatures, in Effect, rendered useless, by the late Acts of Parliament imposing Duties and Taxes on these Colonies, and extending the Jurisdiction of the Courts of Admiralty here, beyond its antient Limits: Statutes by which your Majesty's Commons in *Britain* undertake, absolutely to dispose of the Property of their Fellow Subjects in *America*, without their Consent, and for the enforcing whereof, they are subjected to the Determination of a single Judge in a Court unrestrained by the wise Rules of the Common Law, the Birthright of *Englishmen*, and the Safeguard of their Persons and Properties.

The invaluable Rights of Taxing ourselves, and Trial by our Peers, of which we implore your Majesty's Protection, are not, we most humbly conceive Unconstitutional; but confirmed by the Great CHARTER of *English Liberty*. On the First of these Rights the Honourable the House of Commons Found their Practice of Originating Money Bills, a Right enjoyed by the Kingdom of *Ireland*, by the Clergy of *England*, until relinquished by themselves, a Right, in fine, which all other your Majesty's *English* Subjects, both within, and without the Realm, have hitherto enjoyed.

With Hearts therefore impressed with the most indelible Characters of Gratitude to your Majesty, and to the Memory of the Kings of your Illustrious House, whose Reigns have been Signally distinguished by their Auspicious Influence on the Prosperity of the *British* Dominions, and convinced by the most affecting Proofs of your Majesty's Paternal Love to all your People, however distant, and your unceasing and benevolent Desires to promote their Happiness, We most humbly beseech your Majesty, that you will be graciously pleased to take into your Royal Consideration, the Distresses of your faithful Subjects on this Continent, and to lay the same before your Majesty's Parliament, and to afford them such Relief, as in your Royal Wisdom their unhappy Circumstances shall be judged to require.

*And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will pray.*

The Memorial to the Lords in Parliament, was Read and Compared, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of Great-Britain, in Parliament assembled.*

The MEMORIAL of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the *Mas-*  
*sachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations,*  
*, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania,* the Government of the  
Counties of *New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex,* upon *Delaware,* Province of  
*Maryland,*

*Most humbly Sheweth,*

**T**HAT his Majesty's Liege Subjects in his *American Colonies*, tho' they acknowledge a due Subordination to that August Body the *British* Parliament,