

*Extract from his Majesty's most gracious SPEECH to the Parliament, Nov. 8th 1768.*

“ AT the Close of the last Parliament, I expressed my Satisfaction at the Appearances which then induced me to believe, that such of my Subjects as had been misled, in some Parts of my Dominions, were returning to a just Sense of their Duty; but it is with equal Concern, that I have since seen that *Spirit of Faction*, which I had hoped was well nigh extinguished, breaking out afresh in some of my Colonies in NORTH-AMERICA: I doubt not but that, with your Concurrence and Support, I shall be able to defeat the *mischievous* Design of those *turbulent* and *seditions* Persons, who, under *false* Pretences, have but too successfully *deluded* Numbers of my Subjects in *America*; and whose Practice, if suffered to prevail, cannot fail to produce the most fatal Consequences to my Colonies immediately; and, in the End, to all the Dominions of my Crown.”

*Extract from the ADDRESS of the House of LORDS.*

“ WE feel the most sincere Concern that any of our *Fellow-Subjects*, in *North-America*, should be misled, by *factious* and *designing* Men, into Acts of Violence, attended with Circumstances that manifest a *Disposition* to throw off their *Dependence* on *Great-Britain*: At the same Time, that we shall be *always ready* to contribute to the *Relief* of any *Real Grievance* of your Majesty's *American* Subjects, we give your Majesty the strongest Assurances that we shall concur in such Measures as may best enable your Majesty to *repress* that *daring Spirit of Disobedience*, always considering that it is one of the most essential Duties to maintain inviolate the supreme Authority of *Great-Britain* over every Part of the Dominions of your Majesty's Crown.

*Extract from the ADDRESS of the House of COMMONS.*

“ WE sincerely lament that the Arts of *wicked* and *designing* Men should have been able to rekindle that *Flame of Sedition*, in *North-America*, which at the Close of the late Parliament, your Majesty saw Reason to hope, was well nigh extinguished. We shall ever be *ready to hear* and *redress* any *real Grievance* of your Majesty's *American* Subjects; but we should betray the Trust reposed in us, if we did not withstand every Attempt to infringe or weaken our just Rights; and we shall always consider it as one of our most important Duties to maintain entire and inviolate the supreme Authority of *Great-Britain* over every Part of the *British* Empire.

*Extract from the RESOLVES of the House of LORDS, December 15, 1768.*

II. “ RESOLVED, That the Resolutions of the House of Representatives of the Province of *Massachusetts-Bay*, in *January* last, to write Letters to the several Houses of Representatives of the *British* Colonies on the Continent, *desiring them to join in Petitions*, which do deny or draw into Question the Right of Parliament to impose Duties and Taxes upon his Majesty's Subjects in *America*; and the writing such Letters, in which certain late Acts of Parliament imposing Duties and Taxes, are