

stated to be Infringements of the Rights of his Majesty's Subjects of the said Province, are Proceedings of a most unwarrantable and dangerous Nature, calculated to inflame the Minds of his Majesty's Subjects in the *other Colonies*, tending to create *unlawful Combinations* repugnant to the Laws of *Great-Britain*, and subversive of the Constitution."

*The same Resolution*, among others, was agreed to by the House of Commons, on the 8th *February*, 1769, and the following Address presented by *both Houses*.

*Most gracious Sovereign,*

“ WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, return your Majesty our humble Thanks, for the Communication your Majesty has been graciously pleased to make to your Parliament of several Papers relative to public Transactions in your Majesty's Province of *Massachusetts-Bay*.

“ We beg Leave to express to your Majesty our sincere Satisfaction in the Measures which your Majesty has pursued for supporting the Constitution, and for inducing a due Obedience to the Authority of the Legislature; and to give your Majesty the strongest Assurance that we will effectually stand by, and support your Majesty in such further Measures as may be found necessary to maintain the civil Magistrates in a due Execution of the Laws within your Province of *Massachusetts-Bay*; and as we conceive that nothing can be more immediately necessary, either for the Maintenance of your Majesty's Authority in the said Province, or for guarding your Majesty's Subjects therein from being further *deluded* by the *Arts* of *wicked and designing Men*, than to proceed in the most speedy and effectual Manner for *bringing to condign Punishment, the chief Authors and Instigators* of the late Disorders; we most humbly beseech your Majesty that you will be graciously pleased to direct your Majesty's Governor of *Massachusetts-Bay*, to take the most effectual Method for procuring the fullest *Information* that can be obtained, concerning all Treasons, or Misprisions of Treason, committed within his Government, since the Thirtieth Day of *December* last. and to transmit the same, together with the *Names* of the Persons who were *most active* in the Commission of such Offences, to one of your Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, in order that your Majesty may issue a Special Commission for enquiring of, *hearing and determining* the said Offences *within this Realm*, pursuant to the Provisions of the Statute of the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *Henry the VIII.* in case your Majesty shall, upon receiving the said Information, see sufficient Ground for such a Proceeding.”

Monday, 13th *February* 1769. His Majesty returned the following Answer to the Joint-Address of both Houses of Parliament. (*London Magazine*, P. 110.)

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

“ THE sincere Satisfaction you express in the Measures which I have *already* taken, and the strong Assurances you give of supporting me in those which may be *still* necessary to maintain the just legislative Authority, and the due Execution of the Laws, in my Province of *Massachusetts-Bay*, give me great Pleasure. “ I