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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 5th Day of April, 1775.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the 19th of October last, for prohibiting the Exporting out of this Kingdom, or carrying Coastwise, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, will expire upon the 19th Day of this Instant April — And whereas it is judged expedient that the said Prohibition should be continued for some Time longer — His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy-Council, hereby order, require, prohibit, and command, that no Person or Persons whatsoever (except the Master-General, Lieutenant General, or Principal Officers of the Ordnance, for His Majesty's Service) do, at any Time during the Space of Six Months, to commence from the said 19th Day of this Instant April, presume to transport, into any Parts out of this Kingdom, or carry Coastwise, any Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, or ship or lade any Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition on Board any Ship or Vessel, in order to transporting the same into any Parts beyond the Seas, or carrying the same Coastwise, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty, or His Privy-Council, upon Pain of incurring and suffering the respective Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by an Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, entituled, "An Act to impower His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Salt-petre; and to enforce the law for impowering His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms and Ammunition; and also to impower His Majesty to restrain the carrying Coastwise of Salt-petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition." And the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master-General of the Ordnance, and His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

Steph. Cottrell.

St. James's, April 10.

This Day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, some of the Aldermen the Sheriffs, with a Committee of the Livery of the City of London, waited on His Majesty, (being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household) with the following Address, Remonstrance, and Petition, which was read by John Silvester, Esq;

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
The Humble Address, Remonstrance, and Petition, of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Livery, of the City of London, in Common Hall assembled.

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Livery, of the City of London, beg Leave to approach the Throne, and to declare our Abhorrence of the Measures which have been pursued, and are now pursuing, to the Oppression of our Fellow Subjects in America. These Measures are big with all the Consequences which can alarm a Free and Commercial People:

A deep, and perhaps fatal, Wound to Com-

merce; the Ruin of Manufactures; the Diminution of the Revenue, and consequent Increase of Taxes; the Alienation of the Colonies; and the Blood of your Majesty's Subjects.

But your Petitioners look with less Horror at the Consequences than at the Purpose of these Measures. Not deceived by the specious Artifice of calling Despotism Dignity, they plainly perceive, that the real Purpose is to establish arbitrary Power over all America.

Your Petitioners conceive the Liberties of the Whole to be inevitably connected with those of every Part of an Empire founded on the common Rights of Mankind. They cannot therefore observe, without the greatest Concern and Alarm, the Constitution fundamentally violated in any Part of your Majesty's Dominions. They esteem it an essential, unalterable Principle of Liberty, the Source and Security of all constitutional Rights, that no Part of the Dominion can be taxed without being represented. Upon this great leading Principle they most ardently wish to see their Fellow Subjects in America secured in what their humble Petition to your Majesty prays for — Peace, Liberty, and Safety. Subordination in Commerce, under which the Colonies have always cheerfully acquiesced, is, they conceive, all that this Country ought in Justice to require. From this Subordination such Advantages flow, by all the Profits of their Commerce centering here, as fully compensate this Nation for the Expence incurred, to which they also contribute in Men and Money, for their Defence and Protection during a General War. And in their Provincial Wars they have manifested their Readiness and Resolution to defend themselves. To require more of them would for this Reason derogate from the Justice and Magnanimity which have been hitherto the Pride and Character of this Country.

It is therefore with the deepest Concern that we have seen the sacred Security of Representation in their Assemblies wrested from them; the Trial by Jury abolished, and the odious Powers of Excise extended to all Cases of Revenue; the Sanctuary of their Houses laid open to Violation at the Will and Pleasure of every Officer and Servant in the Customs; the Dispensation of Justice corrupted, by rendering their Judges dependent for their Seats and Salaries on the Will of the Crown; Liberty and Life rendered precarious by subjecting them to be dragged over the Ocean, and tried for Treason or Felony here, where the Distance making it impossible for the most guiltless to maintain his Innocence must deliver him up a Victim to ministerial Vengeance; Soldiers and others in America have been instigated to shed the Blood of the People, by establishing a Mode of Trial which holds out Impunity for such Murder; the Capital of New England has been punished with unexampled Rigour, untried and unheard; involving the Innocent and the Suspected in one common and inhuman Calamity; Chartered Rights have been taken away without any Forfeiture proved, in order to deprive the People of every legal Exertion against Tyranny of their Rulers; the Habeas Corpus Act, and Trial by Jury, have been suppressed; and French despotic Government, with the Roman Catholick Religion, have been established by Law, over an extensive Part of your Majesty's Dominions in America; dutiful Petitions for Redress of these Grievances from all your Majesty's American Subjects have been fruitless.

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