

To the FATHERS, FREEMEN, and  
ELECTORS throughout the Kingdom of  
GREAT BRITAIN.

GENTLEMEN,

OPOSED at home, and betrayed abroad, what could my noble friend, Lord North do, but, I find, by his Majesty's proclamation, that your substitutes are to assemble on Tuesday the 20th of November next, on the important affairs of the nation, when, I am apt to believe, the independence of the Americans will be one of the first serious subjects agitated by your servants in the Lower Senate.

Hence let me implore you, in time, to address and instruct your substitutes, never to give way to the independence of the ungrateful and unnatural Americans, as, from the moment in which the legislature of this country shall give way to the independence of North America, you will be no longer at peace. Part with your wives, your children, and every thing dear to you, sooner than part with America, the highest jewel in your imperial crown: let the Tower of London be taken, sword in hand, and after the melancholy capture of this fortress, let us then fight it out to the last man; with the perfidious French, the haughty Dutch, with the Dutch, the treacherous Dutch, with the ungrateful Americans—may do just as they please.

Better, far better, and I speak from my own sensations, to part with every thing that is now dear to us, armen and free citizens, than, at any time hereafter, to become the subjects, or the miserable slaves of the House of Bourbon, who be lorded over by our own rebellious children—now, good God! the allies of France and Holland.

In the name of God, let our unnatural chil-

dren have the rights of citizens, and the rights

of humanity, consistent with the mild Govern-

ment of the present state. But nothing will die

and if possible, ten thousand deaths, over

again, and remember what was the

misfortune of all our present misfortunes both

at home and abroad: First, a parcel of men,

only by titles, fighting for the loaves and

fishes as it is to talk.—Secondly, our daugh-

ters, commanders, not having discharged

their respective duties, upon the ocean, and in

the world—Had it not been for this melancholy

which I have mentioned, France had

been drawn into treaties of alliance with our Colonies. Take a retrospect of what

has happened to you, and what has been agita-

tion in both Houses of Parliament—upon the

25th of Oct., up to this; and then

if you can, as men and Britons, shaking

your few, and of pouring down vengeance

on those traitors, who were the cause of all

our misfortunes: your Government at home

and abroad, shattered to pieces,

and your subjects, to captured; with-

the authors to be brought to punishment;

and the Senate to appeal to the Senate, in

extraordinary condition here, defa-

cted, and world of all, losses upon

there; and when you would,

return which way you would,

was destruction before you, Officers

when they could have easily followed

you, and end the dispute; an Au-

gustine fleet, a long Summer's

trip away in his favore, suffer-

ing the superior British fleet to be shattered all

over, and then putting off a re-attack of

you, good God! till the next morning,

the 26th, daring to cross Hudson's river,

the last intelligence from the enemy,

the man who was under orders to sup-

port him, and precipitating his army

to the rear, and of course a French

fleet and Dutch over their heads, was the 17th

of October, but, millions of grateful

days and penetrating extremitie that day

one was laid, unsupported, or all was

in Old England; and the most glorious

day ever you saw, was the 18th of April

1782, when millions of thanks to your in-

dependence, and the gallant

gentlemen who fought under

you, that day, and the gallant

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you, that day.

If your permission may flattered your in-

dependence on the 18th of July, 1782, I pray

you to excuse for you on the 18th,

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