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As no advantage could arise from a methodical arrangement, the Author has preferred variety to system. In his choice of materials, it has been his object to select such as should inspire the pupil with the ardour of eloquence, and the love of virtue. He has spared no pains to render the Work, in every respect, worthy of the generous patronage, which a liberal public have bestowed on his former publications.

Boston, May 17, 1797.

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And form thyself to manhood, I would bid thee  
 Live and be still a king, that thou mayst learn  
 What man should be to man—  
 This royal tent, with such of thy domestics  
 As can be found, shall wait upon thy service ;  
 Nor will I use my fortune to demand  
 Hard terms of peace ; but such as thou mayst offer  
 With honor, I with honor may receive.

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COLONEL BARRE'S SPEECH IN THE BRITISH  
 PARLIAMENT, 1765, ON THE STAMP-ACT BILL.

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**O**N the first reading of the bill, Mr. Townsend spoke in its favour ; and concluded with the following words : “ And will these Americans, children planted by our care ; nourished up by our indulgence, until they are grown to a degree of strength and opulence ; and protected by our arms ; will they grudge to contribute their mite, to relieve us from the heavy weight of that burthen which we lie under ? ”

On this Colonel Barre rose, and answered Mr. Townsend in the following masterly manner.

“ They planted by YOUR care ! ” No ; your oppressions planted them in America. They fled from your tyranny, to a then uncultivated and un hospitable country, where they exposed themselves to almost all the hardships to which human nature is liable ; and among others, to the cruelties of a savage foe, the most subtle, and I will take upon me to say, the most formidable of any people upon the face of the earth ; and yet, actuated by principles of true English liberty, they met all hardships with pleasure, compared with those they suffered in their own country, from the hands of those who should have been their friends.

“ They nourished up by YOUR indulgence ! ” They grew by your neglect of them. As soon as you began to care about them, that care was exercised in sending persons

persons to rule them, in one department and another, who were, perhaps, the deputies of deputies to some members of this House, sent to spy out their liberties, to misrepresent their actions, and to prey upon them; men, whose behaviour, on many occasions, has caused the blood of those sons of liberty to recoil within them; men promoted to the highest seat of justice; some, who, to my knowledge, were glad, by going to a foreign country, to escape being brought to the bar of a court of justice in their own.

“They protected by YOUR arms!” They have nobly taken up arms in your defence; have exerted a valour, amidst their constant and laborious industry, for the defence of a country, whose frontier was drenched in blood, while its interior parts yielded all its little savings to your emoluments.

And, believe me; remember I this day told you so, that the same spirit of freedom, which actuated that people at first, will accompany them still. But prudence forbids me to explain myself further. Heaven knows, I do not at this time speak from motives of party heat; what I deliver are the genuine sentiments of my heart.

However superior to me in general knowledge and experience the respectable body of this House may be, yet I claim to know more of America than most of you, having seen and been conversant in that country. The people, I believe, are as truly loyal as any subjects the king has; but a people jealous of their liberties, and who will vindicate them, if ever they should be violated. But the subject is too delicate, I will say no more.