

the same with that, on which the Americans have founded their opposition to the late Statutes made concerning them. The Irish did not send Members to Parliament; and, therefore, they were not bound by its Acts. From hence it undeniably appears, that parliamentary authority is derived SOLELY from representation—that those, who are bound by Acts of Parliament, are bound for this ONLY reason, because they are represented in it. If it were not the ONLY reason, parliamentary authority might subsist independent of it. But as parliamentary authority fails wherever this reason does not operate, parliamentary authority can be founded on no other principle. The law never ceases, but when the reason of it ceases also.

4. It deserves to be remarked, that no exception is made of *any* Statutes, which bind those, who are not represented by the makers of them. The resolution of the Judges extends to *every* Statute: They say, without limitation—“our Statutes do not bind them.” And indeed the resolution ought to extend to every Statute; because the reason, on which it is founded, extends to every one. If a person is bound, ONLY because he is represented, it must certainly follow that wherever he is *not* represented he is *not* bound. No sound argument can be offered, why one Statute should be obligatory in such circumstances, and not another. If we cannot be deprived of our property by those, whom we do not commission for that purpose; can we, without any such commission, be deprived, by them, of our lives? Have those a right to imprison and gibbet us, who have not a right to tax us?

5. FROM this authority it follows, that it is by no means a rule, that the authority of Parliament extends to all the subjects of the Crown. The inhabitants of Ireland were the subjects of the King as of his crown of England; But it is expressly resolved, in the most solemn manner, that the inhabitants of Ireland are not bound by the Statutes of England. Allegiance to the King and obedience to the Parliament are founded on very different principles. The former