

We are therefore taxed. Those who are taxed without their own consent, expressed by themselves or their representatives, are slaves. We are taxed without our own consent, expressed by ourselves or our representatives. We are therefore----- § SLAVES.

*Miserabile vulgus.
A miserable tribe.*

A FARMER.

§ "It is my opinion, that this kingdom has no right to lay A TAX upon the colonies."----"The *Americans* are the *SONS*, not the *BASTARDS* of *England*."----"The distinction between LEGISLATION and TAXATION is essentially necessary to liberty."----"The *COMMONS* of *America*, represented in their several assemblies, have ever been in possession of this their constitutional right, of GIVING AND GRANTING THEIR OWN MONEY. They would have been *SLAVES*, if they had not enjoyed it." "The idea of a *virtual representation* of *America* in this house, is the most contemptible idea, that ever entered into the head of man.----It does not deserve a serious refutation."

Mr. Pitt's speech on the Stamp-Act.

That great and excellent man Lord *Cambden*, maintains the same opinion. His speech in the house of peers, on the declaratory bill of the sovereignty of *Great-Britain* over the colonies, has lately appeared in our papers. The following extracts so perfectly agree with, and confirm the sentiments avowed in these letters, that it is hoped the inserting them in this note will be excused.

"As the Affair is of the utmost importance, and in its consequences may involve the fate of kingdoms, I took the strictest review of my arguments; I re-examined all my authorities; fully determined, if I found myself mistaken, publicly to own my mistake, and give up my opinion: But my searches have more and more convinced me, that the *British* parliament have *NO RIGHT TO TAX* the *Americans*."----"Nor is the doctrine new; it is as old as the constitution; it grew up with it; indeed it is its support."----"TAXATION and REPRESENTATION are inseparably united. *GOD* hath joined them: No *British* parliament can separate them: To endeavour to do it, is to stab our vitals."

"My position is this----I repeat it----I will maintain it to my last hour----TAXATION and REPRESENTATION are inseparable----this position is founded on the laws of nature; it is more, it is itself AN ETERNAL LAW OF NATURE; for whatever is a man's own, is absolutely his own; NO MAN HATH A RIGHT TO TAKE IT FROM HIM WITHOUT HIS CONSENT, either expressed by himself or representative; *whoever attempts to do it, attempts an injury*; WHOEVER DOES IT, *COMMITTS A ROBBERY*; HE THROWS DOWN THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN LIBERTY AND SLAVERY."----"There is not a blade of grass, in the most obscure corner of the kingdom, which is not, which was not ever represented, since the constitution began: There is not a blade of grass, which, when taxed, *was not taxed by the consent of the proprietor*." "The forefathers of the *Americans* did not leave their native country, and subject themselves to every danger and distress, TO BE REDUCED TO A STATE OF SLAVERY. They did not give up their rights: They looked for protection, and not for CHAINS, from their mother country. By her they expected to be defended in the possession of their property, and not to be deprived of it: For should the present power continue, THERE IS NOTHING WHICH THEY CAN CALL THEIR OWN; or, to use the words of Mr. *Locke*, "*WHAT PROPERTY HAVE THEY IN THAT, WHICH ANOTHER MAY, BY RIGHT, TAKE, WHEN HE PLEASES, TO HIMSELF?*"