

well be compared to that of *Roman* senators, will now find their deliberations of no more consequence, than those of *constables*. They may perhaps be allowed to make laws for the yoking of *hogs*, or *pounding of stray cattle*. Their influence will hardly be permitted to extend so high, as the *keeping roads in repair*, as that *business* may more properly be executed by those who receive the public cash.

ONE most memorable example in history is so applicable to the point now insisted on, that it will form a just conclusion of the observations that have been made.

SPAIN was once free. Their *Cortes* resembled our parliaments. No money could be raised on the subject, without their consent. One of their Kings having received a grant from them, to maintain a war against the *Moors*, desired, that if the sum which they had given, should not be sufficient, he might be allowed, for that emergency only, to raise more money without assembling the *Cortes*. The request was violently opposed by the best and wisest men in the assembly. It was, however, complied with by the votes of a majority; and this single concession was a PRECEDENT for other concessions of the like kind, until at last the crown obtained a general power of raising money, in cases of necessity. From that period the *Cortes* ceased to be useful,---the people ceased to be free.

Venienti occurrere morbo.

Oppose a disease at its beginning.

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L E T T E R X.

My dear COUNTRYMEN,

THE consequences, mentioned in the last letter, will not be the utmost limits of our *misery* and *infamy*, if the late act is acknowledged to be binding upon us. We feel too sensibly, that any *ministerial measures* * relating to these colonies, are soon carried successfully through the parliament. Certain pre-
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* "The gentleman must not wonder he was not contradicted, when, as minister, he asserted the right of parliament to tax *America*. I know not how it is, but there is a MODESTY in this house, which does not chuse to contradict a minister. I wish gentlemen would get the better of this modesty. IF THEY DO NOT, PERHAPS THE COLLECTIVE BODY MAY BEGIN TO ABATE OF ITS RESPECT FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE."

Mr. Pitt's Speech.