

X. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States.

To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the publick Good

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate & pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation until his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them

He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish ^{the right} of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only

He has called together legislative Bodies at ~~unusual~~ unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their publick Records, for the sole Purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures

He has dissolved representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People

He has refused, for a long Time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the legislative Powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their Exercise; the State remaining in the mean Time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws of Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands

He has obstructed the Administrations of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers

He has made Judges dependant on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their Offices, and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries

He has erected a multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People and eat out their Substance

He has kept among us in Times of Peace, standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislatures

He has affected to render the military independant of, & superior to, the civil Power

He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large Bodies of armed Troops among us:

105 For protecting them by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring