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AND will you suffer the Credit and Liberties of the Province of Pennsylvania to be sacrificed to the Interests of a few Merchants in Philadelphia?—Shall the Grand Question, whether America shall be free or not, be determined by a few Men, whose Support and Importance must always be in Proportion to the Distresses of our Country?—Shall we exchange our birthright Privileges for the paltry Luxuries of Great-Britain, which impoverish and destroy us while we consume them?—In determining Questions of such great Consequence, the Consent of the Majority of the Tradesmen, Farmers, and other Freemen of the City and County of Philadelphia should have been obtained, as well as of the Merchants who unhappily carried this Vote in the Affirmative. Many of them have plead the Wants of the Tradesmen as an Argument for a General Importation. This is a mean Artifice, and altogether void of Foundation. The Tradesmen who have suffered by the Non-Importation Agreement are but few, when compared to the Number of those who have received great Benefit from it, and even these have had Virtue enough to stifle their Complaints. The Contest with the Ministry at present is for Victory, and if the Matter in Dispute was of much less Importance, yet considering its Consequences it becomes us to be firm and invincible. We would by no Means wish to preclude our Merchants from a partial Importation. Let them adopt an Agreement similar to that of Maryland, &c. The Goods imported there, are all that are essentially necessary for the Exigencies of the Colonies. Like a brave General when forced to abandon a Post, let them retreat a little in order to fortify themselves better in a more secure Place.—Arise then, my dear Countrymen.—Resent the Indignity done to you by a few Individuals in the City. Assert your native Privileges in this the only Day of your Salvation. Dont neglect the only Opportunity you will ever have of convincing the World that you are real Lovers of Liberty. To deliberate long in the present Situation of Affairs is to be undone forever. Remember the high Character our Province bears both at home and abroad. The eyes of the whole Continent are now fixed upon us, and will be much influenced by our Example. I conjure you, therefore, by the Ghosts of our Ancestors, who planted the once howling Wilderness we now inhabit—and who are now, perhaps, Spectators of our Conduct—I conjure you by the Love you bear to yourselves—to your Country—to your Posterity—and above all by the Homage you owe to Human Liberty, not to surrender upon such base Terms, but to assert your Freedom at the Expense of your Fortunes and your Blood.
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