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hath bound Majesty under as solemn Obligations to protect Subjects inviolate in all their just Rights and Privileges, wisely intending, by reciprocal Dependance, to secure the Happiness of both.

We contemplate with a Degree of Horror the unhappy State of America, involved in the most embarrassing Difficulties and Distresses, by a Number of unconstitutional Invasions of their just Rights and Privileges; by which the Inhabitants of the Continent in general, and of this Province in particular, have been precipitated into Measures, extraordinary perhaps in their Nature, but warranted by Necessity; from whence, among many other Measures, the Appointment of Committees in the several Towns and Counties took its Birth, to prevent, as much as in them lay, the Operations of such unconstitutional Encroachments: And the Assembly remain unconvinced of any Steps taken by those Committees, but such as they were compelled to take for that salutary Purpose.

It is not to be controverted that his Majesty's Subjects have a Right to petition for a Redress of Grievances, or to remonstrate against