

... he desired might  
... the printed co-  
... members. The  
... Commons on Wed-  
... Majesty "The bill  
... of the honour and  
... which then passed the

... duty to present to your Majesty,  
... support of his Majesty's house-  
... dignity of the crown of Great Bri-  
... humbly beg your royal assent.  
... and the respectful circumstances which  
... anied it, your Commons have given the  
... proof of their zeal and affection for your Ma-  
... of public distress, full of difficulty and danger,  
... labouing under burthens almost too heavy to  
... your faithful Commons postponed all other business,  
... as much dispatch as the nature of their proceedings  
... and admit, have not only granted to your Majesty a large pre-  
... supply, but also a very great additional revenue; great be-  
... beyond example; great beyond your Majesty's highest expence.

"But all this, Sir, they have done in a well grounded confi-  
... dence, that you will apply wisely what they have granted liber-  
... rally; and feeling, what every good subject must feel with the  
... greatest satisfaction, that under the direction of your Majesty's  
... wisdom, the affluence and grandeur of the sovereign will reflect  
... dignity and honour upon his people."

Mr. Fox spoke afterwards for a considerable time, and was ex-  
... tremely warm in defending the Speaker, and said the speech was  
... the real sentiments of that House. The Attorney General en-  
... deavoured to heal the breach, and with great sense and candour  
... offered terms of accommodation; but the Speaker insisting upon  
... having the opinion of the House taken, a very spirited debate  
... arose, in which many members took a part.

Mr. Rigby seemed to think the Speaker had taken an unwar-  
... rantable liberty, in delivering what he thought was the sense of  
... the House, without knowing their sentiments at all upon the  
... matter; he thought it affected the honour and dignity of the  
... House, and that the opinion of the House ought to be now col-  
... lected before they suffer the speech to go forth, under the stamp of  
... their authority and approbation.

The Speaker justified himself, as thinking he had delivered the  
... sense of the House to his Majesty; he supported himself on prece-  
... dent of his predecessors; declared that he must and would do the  
... part of an honest man; that he was the keeper of his own honour  
... as well as that of the House, which he would maintain to his dy-  
... ing day. In the course of this debate something fell from the  
... same member, which the Speaker construed as a personal attack,  
... and declared, that till he received reparation from the House, he  
... could not sit in that chair again.

About nine o'clock the above extraordinary debate or conversa-  
... tion was amicably terminated, Mr. Rigby made some concession,  
... and the House voted the Speaker their thanks without a division.

THE AMERICAN CRISIS. Number IV. By the Author of  
... Common Sense.

THOSE who expect to reap the blessings of Freedom,  
... must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.  
The event of yesterday is one of those kind of alarms, which is  
... just sufficient to rouse us to duty, without being of consequence  
... enough to depress our fortitude. It is not a field of a few acres  
... of ground, but a cause that we are defending, and whether we  
... defeat the enemy in one battle, or by degrees, the consequence  
... will be the same.

Look back at the events of last winter and the present year,  
... there you will find that the enemy's successes have always con-  
... tributed to reduce them. What they have gained in ground,  
... they paid so dearly for in numbers, that their victories have in  
... the end amounted to defeats. We have always been matters at  
... the last push, and always shall while we do our duty. Howe  
... has been once on the banks of the Delaware, and from thence  
... driven back with loss and disgrace; and why not be again driv-  
... en from the Schuylkill? His condition and ours are very differ-  
... ent. He has every body to fight, we have only his *one* army to  
... cope with, and which wastes away at every engagement; we  
... can not only reinforce, but can redouble our numbers; he is  
... cut off from all supplies, and must sooner or later inevitably fall  
... into our hands.

Shall a band of ten or twelve thousand robbers, who are this  
... day fifteen hundred or two thousand men less in strength than  
... they were yesterday, conquer America, or subdue even a single  
... State? The thing cannot be, unless we sit down and suffer them.  
... Another such a brush, notwithstanding we lost the ground, would,  
... by still reducing the enemy, put them in a condition to be af-  
... terwards totally defeated.

Could our whole army have come up to the attack at one time,  
... the consequences had probably been otherwise; but our having  
... different parts of the Brandywine creek to guard, and the un-  
... certainty which road to Philadelphia the enemy would attempt  
... to take, naturally afforded them an opportunity of passing with  
... their main body at a place where only a part of ours could be  
... posted; for, it must strike every thinking man with conviction,  
... that it requires a much greater force to oppose an enemy in fe-  
... veral places, than is sufficient to defeat them in any one place.

Men who are sincere in defending their freedom, will always  
... feel concern at every circumstance, which seems to make against  
... them; it is the natural and honest consequence of all affection-  
... ate attachments, and the want of it is a vice. But the dejecti-  
... on lasts only for a moment; they soon rise out of it with addi-  
... tional vigour; the glow of hope, courage and fortitude, will,  
... in a little time, supply the place of every inferior passion, and  
... kindle the whole heart into heroism.

There is a mystery in the countenance of some causes, which  
... we have not always present judgment enough to explain. It is  
... distressing to see an enemy advancing into a country, but it is  
... the only place in which we can beat them, and in which we  
... have always beaten them, whenever they made the attempt.  
The nearer any disease approaches to a crisis, the nearer it is to  
... a cure: Danger and deliverance make their advances together,  
... and it is only at the last push, that one or the other takes the  
... lead.

There are many men who will do their duty when it is not  
... wanted; but a genuine Public Spirit always appears most when  
... there is most occasion for it. Thank God! our army, though  
... fatigued, is yet entire. The attack made by us yesterday was  
... under many disadvantages, naturally arising from the uncertain-  
... ty of knowing which route the enemy would take; and from  
... that circumstance, the whole of our force could not be brought  
... up together time enough to engage all at once. Our strength is  
... yet reserved; and it is evident that Howe does not think him-  
... self a gainer by the affair, otherwise, he would this morning  
... have moved down and attacked Gen. Washington.

Gentlemen of the city and country, it is in your power, by  
... spirited improvement of the present circumstance, to turn it to a  
... real advantage: Howe is now weaker than before, and every  
... shot will contribute to reduce him. You are more immediately  
... interested than any other part of the Continent; your ALL is at  
... stake; it is not so with the general cause; you are devoted by  
... the enemy to plunder and destruction: It is the encouragement  
... which Howe, the chief of plunderers, has promised his army.  
Thus circumstanced, you may save yourselves by a manly resist-  
... ance, but you can have no hope in any other conduct. I never  
... yet knew our brave General, or any part of the army, officers  
... or men, out of heart, and I have seen them in circumstances a  
... thousand times more trying than the present. It is only those  
... that are not in action, that feel languor and heaviness, and the  
... best way to rub it off is to turn out, and make sure work of  
... it.

Our army must undoubtedly feel fatigue and want a reinforce-  
... ment of rest, though not of valour. Our own interest and hap-  
... piness call upon us to give them every support in our power, and  
... make the burden of the day, on which the safety of this city de-  
... pends, as light as possible. Remember, Gentlemen, that we  
... have forces both to the northward and southward of Philadel-  
... phia, and if the enemy be but stopt till those can arrive, this  
... city will be saved, and the enemy finally routed. You have too  
... much at stake to hesitate. You ought not to think an hour upon  
... the matter, but to spring to action at once. Other States have  
... been invaded, and have likewise driven off the invaders. Now  
... OUR time and turn is come, and perhaps the finishing stroke is  
... reserved for us. When we look back on the dangers we have  
... been saved from, and reflect on the successes we have been blef-  
... sed with, it would be sinful either to be idle or despair.

I close this paper with a short address to gen. Howe. You,  
... sir, are only lingering out the period that shall bring with it  
... your defeat. You have yet scarce began upon the war, and the  
... farther you enter, the faster will your troubles thicken. What  
... you now enjoy is only a respite from ruin; an invitation to de-  
... struction; a something that will lead on to our deliverance at  
... your expence. We know the cause we are engaged in, and  
... though a passionate fondness for it may make us grieve at every  
... injury which threatens it, yet, when the moment of concern is  
... over, the determination to duty returns. We are not the hire-  
... ling slaves of a beggarly tyrant, nor the chringing flatterers of  
... an infamous court. We are not moved by the gloomy smile of a  
... worthless king, but by the ardent glow of generous patriotism.  
We fight not to enslave, but to set a country free, and to make  
... room upon the earth for honest men to live in. In such a cause  
... we are sure we are right; and we leave to you the despairing  
... reflection of being the tool of a miserable tyrant.

COMMON SENSE.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12, at Noon.