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By RICHARD VISCOUNT HOWE, Of the Kingdom of IRELAND, and WILLIAM HOWE, Esq; General of His Majesty's Forces in AMERICA, the KING's Commissioners for restoring Peace to His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in NORTH-AMERICA, &c. &c. &c. P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS by our Declarations of the 14th of July, and 19th of September last, in Pursuance of His Majesty's most gracious Intentions towards His Subjects in the Colonies or Provinces of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, The Three Lower Counties on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, all Persons speedily returning to their just Allegiance were promised a free and general Pardon, and were invited to accept, not only the Blessings of Peace, but a secure Enjoyment of their Liberty and Properties, upon the true Principles of the Constitution: AND WHEREAS, notwithstanding the said Declarations, and the Example of many who have availed themselves of the Assurances therein made, several Bodies of armed Men, in open Contempt of His Majesty's proffered Clemency, do still continue their Opposition to the Establishment of legal Government and Peace; and divers other ill-disposed Persons, pursuing their own ambitious Purposes in the Exercise of a lawless Influence and Power, are using fresh Endeavors, by various Arts and Misrepresentations, to alienate the Confidence and Affection of His Majesty's Subjects; to defeat every Plan of Reconciliation, and to prolong the unnatural War between Great-Britain and her Colonies: NOW, in order to the more effectual Accomplishment of His Majesty's most gracious Intentions, and the speedy Restoration of the public Tranquillity; And duly considering the Expediency of limiting the Time within which such Pardon as aforesaid shall be granted, and of specifying the Terms upon which only the same shall and may be obtained, We do in His Majesty's Name, and by Virtue of the Powers committed to Us, hereby charge and command all Persons whatsoever, who are assembled together in Arms against His Majesty's Government, to disband themselves and return to their Dwellings, there to remain in a peaceable and quiet Manner; AND we also charge and command all such other Persons as are assembled together under the Name of General; or Provincial Congresses, Committees, Conventions, or other Associations, by whatever Name or Names known and distinguished, or who under the Colour of any Authority from any such Congress, Committee, Convention, and other Association, take upon them to issue or execute any Orders for levying Money, raising Troops, fitting out armed Ships and Vessels, imprisoning, or otherwise molesting His Majesty's Subjects, to desist and cease from all such treasonable Actings, and Doings, and to relinquish all such usurped Power and Authority, so that Peace may be restored, a speedy Remission of past Offences quiet the Apprehensions of the Guilty, and all the Inhabitants of the said Colonies be enabled to reap the Benefit of His Majesty's paternal Goodness in the Preservation of their Property, the Restoration of their Commerce, and the Security of their most valuable Rights, under the just and moderate Authority of the Crown and Parliament of Great-Britain: AND we do hereby declare, and make known to all Men, that every Person who within SIXTY DAYS from the Day of the Date hereof shall appear before the Governor, or Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief in any of His Majesty's Colonies or Provinces aforesaid, or before the General or commanding Officer of His Majesty's Forces in America, or any other Officer in His Majesty's Service having the Command of any Detachment or Parties of His Majesty's Forces there, or before the Admiral or Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Fleet, or any other Officer commanding any of His Majesty's Ships of War, or any armed Vessel in His Majesty's Service, within any of the Ports, Havens, Creeks, or upon the Coasts of America, and shall claim the Benefit of this Proclamation, and at the same Time testify his Obedience to the Laws, by subscribing a Declaration in the Words following: "I, A. B. do promise and declare, that I will remain in a peaceable Obedience to His Majesty, and will not take up Arms, nor encourage Others to take up Arms, in Opposition to His Authority," shall and may obtain a full and free Pardon of all Treasons and Misprisions of Treasons, by him heretofore committed or done, and of all Forfeitures, Attainders, and Penalties for the same; and upon producing to Us, or to either of Us, a Certificate of such his Appearance and Declaration, shall and may have and receive such Pardon made and passed to him in due Form.

GIVEN at NEW-YORK, this Thirtieth Day of NOVEMBER, 1776.

HOWE, W. HOWE.

By Command of their EXCELLENCIES,
HENRY STRACHEY.To the RIGHT HONORABLE
RICHARD, LORD VISCOUNT HOWE,
Of the Kingdom of Ireland,And to his EXCELLENCY the HONORABLE
WILLIAM HOWE, ESQUIRE,
General of His Majesty's Forces in America, the King's Commissioners for restoring Peace to His Majesty's Colonies in North America.The humble Representation and Petition of the
Freeholders and Inhabitants of Queen's County, on the Island of NASSAU, in the Province of New-York.

YOUR Excellencies having by your Declaration of July last, opened to us the pleasing Prospect of returning Peace and Security, long banished by the many Calamities surrounding us; we entertained the most sanguine Expectations that the Colonies would at length have submitted to their Duty, and acknowledged the Constitutional Authority, they had so wantonly opposed. When we compared the dismal Situation of the County, suffering under all the Evils attending the most convulsive State, with the mild and happy Government it had before experienced; we saw no Ground for Hesitation; From Happiness we had fallen to Misery; from Freedom to Oppression! We severely felt the Change and lamented our Condition: Unfortunately for us these Hopes were blasted by the infamous Conduct of the Congress: Your Excellencies nevertheless having been pleased by a subsequent Declaration, again

to hold up the most benevolent Offers, and to repeat His Majesty's gracious Intentions towards the Obedient.

Permit us His Majesty's loyal and well-affected Subjects, The Freeholders and Inhabitants of Queen's County, humbly to represent to your Excellencies, That we bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King GEORGE the Third, and are sincerely attached to his Sacred Person, Crown and Dignity. That we consider the Union of these Colonies with the Parent State essential to their well-being; and our earnest desire is, that the Constitutional Authority of Great-Britain over them, may be preferred to the latest Ages.

And we humbly pray,
That your Excellencies would be pleased to declare this County at the Peace of His Majesty, and thereby enable us to receive the Benefits flowing from His most gracious Protection.

Queen's County, 21st Decr. 1776.

To his EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM TRYON, Esq;
Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New-York, and the Territories thereon depending in America; Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

WE the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Queen's County, are happy once again to address your Excellency in the Capital of the Province. We heartily congratulate you on your Return, which we consider as the Earnest of further Success, and hope ere long the whole Province will feel the Blessings of your Excellency's upright Administration.

Anxiously do we look forward to the Time when the Disobedient shall return to their Duty, and the Ravages of War cease to desolate this once flourishing Country.

That we may be restored to the King's most-gracious Protection; torn from us by the Hand of Violence; and quicken others by our Example, to embrace the repeated Invitations of his Majesty's Commissioners, we have resolved on, and subscribed, a dutiful Representation and Petition, setting forth to them our loyal Disposition, and praying that the County may be declared at the King's Peace.

We intreat your Excellency to present our Petition; and rely on your known Humanity and Benevolence, for the Exertion of your Influence in Behalf of the well-affected County of Queen's, that it may again, in the Bosom of Peace, enjoy the Royal Favour, under your Excellency's paternal Care and Attention.

Signed by desire, and in Behalf
of the Freeholders and Inhabitants,By
DAVID COLDEN.
Queen's County,
Decr. 21, 1776.

New-York, Nov. 12, 1776.

S I R,
IN Compliance with the Request in the Address presented to me by you, in Behalf of the Inhabitants of Queen's County, I immediately after my Return from Head-Quarters waited on Lord HOWE, one of the King's Commissioners for restoring Peace to His Majesty's Colonies, and presented to his Lordship the very dutiful and loyal Petition and Representation of the said Inhabitants, who was pleased to say "He would take the earliest Opportunity of communicating with General HOWE on the Occasion."

This public Testimony from the Inhabitants of Queen's County, of their unshaken Loyalty to our most Gracious Sovereign, and of their anxious Attachment to the British Constitution is particularly agreeable to me, and entitles them to my best Endeavors for a speedy Accomplishment of their Wishes; the Season and Expediency of the granting whereof are safely and happily committed to the Wisdom and Direction of His Majesty's Commissioners.

I am, with Respect, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Wm. TRYON.

David Colden, Esq; of Queen's County.

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TO THE PRINTER.

IT appears by Lord North's Declaration in the House of Commons, which you lately re-published, that in order to carry on the War with the King's refractory Subjects in America, Great-Britain would require nearly two Millions Sterling, and that the Interest of this Sum was to be defrayed by an additional Tax upon Coaches, Newspapers, Cards and Dice, all Articles of Luxury, which affected not the Poor or the Indolent. Two Reductions naturally occur from this Fact. First, that a Country, which can raise so considerable a Sum with so much Ease to its Inhabitants must be possessed of a most immense Opulence and Credit: And, Secondly, that such a Country, in so full a Possession of the Sinews and Resources of War, is able to prosecute it to a vast Extent and to a Duration which must exhaust a feebler Opponent. But how stands the Case with America? Unsettled in its Civil Policy, and of course without all just Confidence or Credit; deprived of the Means of Wealth from Trade, and deriving Wealth from no other Cause; plunged in a Debt enormous to her, and founded upon a very precarious Security; she mudly rushed upon another Campaign against her only Friend and Protector, and involved herself in the joint Calamities of War, Poverty, and Confusion. So unequal are the Grounds on which the two Countries stand, that Britain has only Occasion to impose a light Contribution upon her Idlers and Gamblers; while America is plunging a Dagger into the very Vitals of her Commerce, by taking away the Property of her People thro' a deceitful Corerney, by stopping up the Channels of Trade from which alone any of her Riches can flow, and by employing those labourous Hands in a destructive War, whose Industry in the Arts of Peace is essential to her very Being and Happiness. Yet every thing is to be sacrificed to the pernicious System of a base republican Faction, who are bent against every Overture of Reconciliation, and seem only to possess a diabolical Satisfaction in the Miseries and Distraction of Millions; though at the same Time, they have not the least Pro-