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How long, asks a correspondent, are we to continue in our present inglorious acquiescence in the shameful resistance that some of the States persist in, against federal and national measures? How long is Massachusetts to suffer the paltry politics, weak jealousy, or local interests of New-York and Pennsylvania, to distract our own government, and keep us holden to those wretched measures which has so long made America the pity or contempt of Europe? How long are we to distress our own numerous citizens with the weight of Continental taxes, and support our delegation in an assembly, which has no powers to maintain the reputation, or advance the real interest of our Commonwealth? This State has made reiterated and strenuous exertions to restore that firmness, confidence, and greatness, which distinguished united America from 1774 to 1782, but to little purpose: It is therefore now time to form a new and stronger union. The five States of New-England, closely confederated, can have nothing to fear. Let then our General Assembly immediately recall their Delegates from the shadowy Meeting which still bears the name of Congress, as being a useless and expensive establishment. Send proposals for instituting a new Congress, as the Representative of the nation of New-England, and leave the rest of the Continent to pursue their own imbecile and disjointed plans, until they have experimentally learnt the folly, danger and disgrace of them, and acquired magnanimity and wisdom sufficient to join a confederation that may rescue them from destruction.

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