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Lord North, I return the private letters
received from Lieut. General Gage, his idea of
suspending the Acts appears to me the most absurd
that can be suggested. The People are ripe for
mischiefs upon which the Mother Country adopts
suspending the measures she has thought necessary
this must suggest to the Colonies a fear that
alone prompts them to their present violence,
we must either master them or totally leave
them to themselves and treat them as Aliens.
I do not by this mean to insinuate that I am
for a wise new measures, but I am for supporting
those already undertaken.

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