

James Otis

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The only principles of public conduct that are worthy of a gentleman or a man are to sacrifice estate, ease, health, and applause, and even life, to the sacred calls of his country.

~James Otis

Taxation without representation is tyranny.

~James Otis

Can there be any liberty where property is taken away without consent?

~James Otis

Every man may reign secure in his petty tyranny, and spread terror and desolation around him, until the trump of the archangel shall excite different emotions in his soul.

~James Otis

I will to my dying day oppose with all the powers and faculties God has given me, all such instruments of slavery on the one hand, and villainy on the other, as this writ of assistance is.

~James Otis

The supreme power cannot take from any man any part of his property, without his consent in person, or by representation.

~James Otis

A man's house is his castle.

~James Otis

My dear sister, I hope, when God Almighty in his righteous providence shall take me out of time into eternity, that it will be by a flash of lightning.

~James Otis

Let the consequences be what they will, I am determined to proceed.

~James Otis

One of the most essential branches of English liberty is the freedom of one's house. A man's house is his castle.

~James Otis

A man is accountable to no person for his doings.

~James Otis

Parliaments are in all cases to declare what is good for the whole; but it is not the declaration of parliament that makes it so.

~James Otis

But I think I can sincerely declare that I cheerfully submit myself to every odious name for conscience' sake; and from my soul I despise all those whose guilt, malice, or folly has made them my foes.

~James Otis

These manly sentiments, in private life, make the good citizen; in public life, the patriot and the hero.

~James Otis

The people's safety is the law of God.

~James Otis

Every one with this writ may be a tyrant in a legal manner, also may control, imprison, or murder any one within the realm.

~James Otis

MAY it please your Honors: I was desired by one of the court to look into the books, and consider the question now before them concerning Writs of Assistance.

~James Otis

What must be the wealth that avarice, aided by power, cannot exhaust!

~James Otis

I do not say that, when brought to the test, I shall be invincible.

~James Otis

I pray God I may never be brought to the melancholy trial, but if ever I should, it will be then known how far I can reduce to practice, principles, which I know to be founded in truth.

~James Otis

[The passage of the Sugar Act] set people a thinking, in six months, more than they had done in their whole lives before.

~James Otis

Dew depends not on Parliament.

~James Otis

No parts of his Majesty's dominions can be taxed without their consent.

~James Otis

An act against the Constitution is void; an act against natural equity is void.

~James Otis

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