

in favour of the violated
That all trials for treason,
or for any felony or crime
committed in this his Majesty's
colony, or persons residing therein,
shall be tried in and before
the court of law within the said colony, ac-
cording to the best known course of proceeding;
and that the trial of any crime whatsoever com-
mitted therein, and of any person or persons re-
siding in the said colony, is highly derogatory
to the rights of the British subjects; as thereby
the liberty of summoning and
producing witnesses, such trial, will be taken
away from the party accused.

Resolved, That an humble, dutiful and
loyal address be presented to his Majesty, to assure
him of our insinuating attachment to his sacred person
and government, and to beseech his Royal interpo-
sition, as the Father of all his people, however re-
mote from the seat of his empire, to quiet the minds
of his loyal subjects in this colony, and to avert from
them those dangers and miseries which will ensue,
from the seizing and carrying beyond sea, any person
residing in America, suspected of any crime whatso-
ever, to be tried in another manner than by the an-
cient and long established course of proceeding.

The following Address was then agreed upon,
and ordered to be transmitted to their Agent in
England, to be laid before his Majesty.

To the KING's most excellent MAJESTY.
*The humble ADDRESS of his dutiful and loyal
subjects, the House of Assembly of his Majesty's colony
of North-Carolina, met in General Assembly.*

May it please your Majesty,
WE your Majesty's most loyal, dutiful, and
affectionate subjects, the house of Assem-
bly of this your Majesty's colony of North-
Carolina, now met in General Assembly, beg leave,
in the most humble manner, to assure your Majesty,
that your faithful subjects of this colony, ever un-
distinguished by their loyalty and firm attachment to your
Majesty and your Royal ancestors, are far from coun-
tenancing traitors, treason, or misprison of treason,
and ready at any time to sacrifice our lives and for-
tunes in defence of your Majesty's sacred person and
government.

It is with the deepest concern, and most heart-
felt grief, that your Majesty's most dutiful subjects of this
colony find, that their loyalty has been traduced, and
that those measures, which a just regard for the Brit-
ish constitution, (dear to them than life) made ne-
cessary duties, have been misrepresented as rebellious
attacks upon your Majesty's government.

When we consider that by the established laws and
constitution of this colony, the most ample provision
is made for apprehending and punishing all those who
shall dare to engage in any treasonable practices
against your Majesty, or disturb the tranquillity of
government; we cannot, without horror, think of
the new, unusual, and permit us, with all humility,
to add, unconstitutional and illegal mode, recom-
mended to your Majesty, of seizing and carrying be-
yond sea, the inhabitants of America, suspected of any
crime, and of trying such persons, in any other man-
ner than by the ancient and long established course
of proceeding; for, how truly deplorable must be
the case of a wretched American, who, having in-
curred the displeasure of any one in power, is urag-
ged from his native home, and his dearest domestic
connections, thrown into a prison, not to await his
trial before a court, city or judges, from a know-
ledge of whom he is encouraged to hope for speedy
justice, but to exchange his imprisonment in his own
country for fetters among strangers; conveyed to a
distant land, where no friend, no relation, will alie-
viate his distresses, or minister to his necessities, and
where no witness can be found to testify his inno-
cence, shunned by the reputable and honest, and
consigned to the society and converse of the wretch-
ed and the abandoned, he can only pray that he may
soon end his misery with his life.

Truly alarmed at the fatal tendency of these per-
nicious councils, and with hearts filled with anguish,
by such dangerous invasions of our dearest privileges,
we presume to prostrate ourselves at the foot of your
Majesty, as our King and father, to avert from your faithful and loyal
subjects in America, those miseries which must ne-
cessarily be the consequence of such measures.

After expressing our firm confidence in your royal
wisdom and goodness, permit us to assure your Ma-
jesty, that the most fervent prayers of your people of
this colony, are daily addressed to the Almighty,
that your Majesty's reign may be long and prosp-

rous over Great-Britain, and all your dominions;
and that after death, your Majesty may taste the
fullest fruition of eternal bliss, and that a descendent
of your illustrious house may reign over the British
empire until time shall be no more.

On Saturday last, his Excellency the governor
sent a message to the house, desiring their atten-
dances on him in the council chamber: The
house accordingly waited on his Excellency,
when he was pleased to address them as fol-
lows:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,
UPON looking over the votes of your house,
I find some Resolves upon your Journals;
Resolved, that, after the assurances I had gi-
ven you in my Speech; have sapped the foundations
of confidence and gratitude; have torn up by the
roots, every language hope I entertained, to render
this province further service, if, in truth, I have ren-
dered it any, and made it my indispensable duty to
put an end to this session; I shall therefore require
your attendance on Monday next, when you will pre-
sent to me such bills as may be then prepared.
WILL. TRYON.

On Monday the house came to the following
Resolutions:

On Motion, *Resolved*, That if any public Officer
shall exact illegal fees, or otherwise, under colour of
his office, unduly oppress the people, such officer be
acting, shall, on conviction thereof, receive the
highest censure and punishment this house can inflict
upon him

On Motion, *Resolved*, That all persons who oppose
Sheriff in the due execution of their office, shall be
looked upon by his house as enemies to their coun-
try, meriting its severest censures, and deserving of
its highest punishment; and such persons will be
treated with the utmost rigour in the power of this
house to exert against them.

*In the house of assembly, 6th of
Nov. 1769*
J GREEN, Jun. Clerk }

The same day, the house waited on his Ex-
cellency in the council chamber; when he was
pleased to give his assent to four bills, viz.

An ACT, For appointing an agent.

An ACT, To empower the Justices in the
several counties therein mentioned, to establish
free Fairs and Brigas in their respective coun-
ties, and to lay a tax for defraying the charge
thereof.

An ACT, For confirming the qualification
of Henry Lacey, Sheriff of Beaufort.

An ACT, To encourage the destroying of
Vermian.

And then dissolved the Assembly with the fol-
lowing SPEECH.

*Gentlemen of his Majesty's honourable council, Mr.
Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly.*

I Met this assembly with a most sincere dis-
position to forward the public business of
the country; and I make this public ac-
knowledgement of my thanks, to the gen-
tlemen of his Majesty's council, for the cheer-
fulness they have shewn to co-operate with me;
and my gratitude to the house of assembly for
the honourable opinion they have declared in
favor of my administration. You may be as-
sured gentlemen, that the interruption which has
been given to the business of this session, has not
occasioned more disappointment to you, than
the cause of it has occasioned real affliction to me.

The plan I laid before you for the manage-
ment of your public funds, if adapted by the le-
gislature, and invariably pursued, (otherwise it
will be insufficient) will produce the happiest ef-
fects to this country; and I will be bold to
affirm, if ever carried, in any future session, in-
to an act of the legislature, it will be acknow-
ledged the most-beneficial session this colony ever
experienced; but this blessing is not to
be obtained for the country, while the treasur-
ers, late sheriffs, and their sureties, can com-
mand a majority in the lower house, and while
a treasurer is suffered to absent himself, and
with-hold his public accounts from the general
assembly, let the pretence of his absence be ever

so urgent. This morning I saw some public
accounts of the treasurer for the southern dis-
trict. Those accounts are so very irregular,
and negligently kept, that the public must be
abused, if an amendment is not made to the
method here pursued; but as I am told it is a meth-
od his predecessors followed, no censure can
lay upon that gentleman.

As my duty preceeds every other considera-
tion, I do now dissolve this assembly, and this
assembly is accordingly dissolved.

MONDAY, 6th of November, 1769.

ABOUT 3 o'clock his Excellency the Governor
was pleased, by Mr. Burgwin, the clerk of
the council, to command the attendance of
the house of assembly in the council chamber; where-
upon, in obedience to his Excellency's command, the
house, with their Speaker, immediately waited upon
his Excellency, when he was pleased to give his as-
sent to four bills, and then dissolved the assembly.

The late representatives of the people then judg-
ing it necessary that some measures should be taken
in their distressed situation, for preserving the true
and essential interests of the province, resolved upon
a meeting for that very salutary purpose, and there-
fore immediately repaired to the court house in this
town, where, being assembled, it was first proposed
for the more decent and regular discussion of such
matters as might be taken into consideration, that a
moderator should be appointed, and John Hanson,
Esq; late Speaker of the House of Assembly, was
unanimously elected.

The true state of the province being then opened
and fully explained, and it being proposed that a
regular Association should be formed, a committee
was appointed to prepare the necessary and most pro-
per regulations for that purpose, and they were or-
dered to make their report to the general meeting
the next day at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, the 7th of November.

AT a farther meeting, according to adjourn-
ment, the committee appointed yesterday,
made their report, which being read, seriously
considered, and approved, was signed by a great
number of the late members of the Assembly then
present, and is as follows:

WE his Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the
late representatives of all the freeholders
of the province of North Carolina, avow-
ing an invincible attachment and unshaken fidelity
to our most gracious sovereign, and protesting against
every act that may have the least tendency to disturb
the peace and good order of this government, which
we are willing, at the risk of our lives and for-
tunes, to maintain and defend; but, at the same
time, being sensibly affected with the hardships,
difficulties and discouragements the colonies at present
labour under, from sundry taxes and impositions laid
on by parliament, for the sole purpose of a revenue,
by which our money is taken from us, without our
consent, and applied to the support of new created
commissioners of customs, and other places: And
by other acts of parliament, we are deprived of that
invaluable privilege of trial by our peers and the
common law, and made subject to the arbitrary and
oppressive proceedings of the civil law, justly abhor-
red by our ancestors, the freemen of England: And
finding, that the most dutiful and loyal peti-
tions and remonstrances from the colonies for redress
have been rejected with contempt, and dreading the
evils which threaten us and our posterity, by reduc-
ing us from freedom to a state of slavery; and in
order to stimulate our fellow subjects, the merchants
and manufacturers in Great Britain, to aid us in
this our distress, and to shew our readiness to join,
heartily, with the other colonies, in every legal
method which may most probably tend to procure
redress, which, we believe, will be most effectually
promoted, by establishing oeconomy, encouraging
American manufactures in general, and of this pro-
vince in particular; promoting industry, and discour-
aging all manner of luxury and extravagance: We
do therefore, most earnestly, recommend this our
association, to the serious attention of all gentlemen,
merchants, traders, and other inhabitants of this
province, not doubting that they will, very readily
and cordially, accede thereto; we therefore, whose
names are hereunto subscribed, do solemnly promise
and agree, to and with each other, that until the
colonies are restored to their former freedom, by a
repeal of those oppressive acts, we will most truly ad-
here to, and abide by the following resolutions,
to wit.

First, It is UNANIMOUSLY agreed
on and Resolved, this Seventh Day
of November, 1769, That the Sub-
scribers, as well by their own Ex-
ample as all other legal Ways and