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Resolved in an Opposition to Measures which must eventually have involved all *British America* in a State of abject Dependence and Servitude.

The Act of Parliament, commonly called The *Navigation Act*, so it tends to shut up the *Eastern Shores*, and thereby essentially to destroy the *Trade*, and deprive the Merchants and Manufacturers of a Subsistence, which they have hitherto procured by an *innocent Industry*; as it takes away the *Wharves, Quays, and other Property*, of many *Indians*, by rendering it useless to them: And as the Duration of this Act depends upon Circumstances, founded merely in Opinion, and in their *Nature indeterminate*, and thereby may make the *Distress* it carries with it even perpetual; *Resolved*,

That it is the most direct Infringement of the Rights and Privileges of the People of *Boston*, both as *Men and Members of the British Government*.

That the late Act of Parliament in respecting the *Port* of that Province, is an Infringement of the *Special Rights* granted them by their *Charter*, being *William and Queen Mary*, and that the said Act is a direct Violation of the Rights of the said *Province*.

That the late Act of Parliament in respecting the *Administration of Justice*, is a direct Violation of the Rights of the said *Province*, and that it is a direct Infringement of the Rights of the said *Province*.

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Continent, or with any City or Town, or with any Individual in such Colony, City or Town, which shall refuse, decline or neglect, to adopt and carry into Execution such general Plan as shall be agreed to in the continental Congress.

Resolved, That on application of the Deputies of the General Congress to be held in the City of *Philadelphia* on the 20th of *September* next, then and there to deliberate upon the present State of *British America*, and to take such Measures as they may deem prudent, to effect the Purpose of describing with Certainty the Rights of *Americans*, repairing the Breaches made in those Rights, and for guarding them for the future from any such Violations done under the Sanction of public Authority.

Resolved, That *William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, and Richard Caswell*, Esquires, and every of them, be Deputies to attend such Congress; and they are hereby invested with such Powers as may make any Acts done by them, or Consent given, in Behalf of this Province, obligatory in Honour upon every Inhabitant thereof, who is not an Alien to his Country's Good, and an Apostle to the Liberties of *America*.

Resolved, That they view the Attempts made by the Minister upon the Town of *Boston*, as a Prelude to a general Attack upon the Rights of the other Colonies, and that upon the Success of this design, in a great Measure, the Happiness of *America* in its present Race, and in Posterity; and that therefore it becomes our Duty to contribute, in Proportion to our Abilities, to ease the Burthens imposed upon that Town for their virtuous Opposition to the Revenue Acts, that they may be enabled to stand in a prudent and manly Opposition to the Schemes of Parliament, and render its dangerous Designs abortive.

Resolved, That Liberty is the Spirit of the *British* Constitution, and that it is the Duty, and will be the Endeavour of us, as *British Americans*, to transmit this happy Constitution to our Posterity, in a State, if possible, better than we found it; and that to suffer it to undergo a Change, which may impair that invaluable Blessing, would be to disgrace those Ancestors, who, at the Expence of their Blood, purchased those Privileges, which their degenerated Posterity are too weak, or too wicked, to maintain inviolate.

Resolved, That at every future Provincial Meeting, when any Division shall happen, the Method to be observed shall be, to vote by the Counties and Towns having a Right to send Members to Assembly; that shall be represented at every such Meeting; and it is recommended to the Deputies of the several Counties, that a Committee of Five Persons be chosen in each County by such Persons as accede to this Association, to take effectual Care that these Resolves be properly observed, and to correspond occasionally with the Provincial Committee of Correspondence of this Province.

Resolved, That each and every County in this Province, raise as speedily as possible the Sum of Twenty Pounds, Proclamation Money, and pay the same into the Hands of *Richard Caswell, Esq;* to be by him equally divided among the Deputies appointed to attend the General Congress at *Philadelphia*, as a Recompence for their Trouble and Expence in attending the said Congress.

Resolved, That the Moderator of this Meeting, and in Case of his Death, that *Samuel Johnston, Esq;* be empowered, on any future Occasion that may require it, to convene the several Deputies of this Province (which now are, or hereafter shall be chosen,) at such Time and Place as he shall think proper. And in Case of the Death or Absence of any Deputy, it is recommended, that another be chosen in his Stead.

Resolved, That the following be Instructions for the Deputies appointed to meet in General Congress on the Part of this Colony, to wit,

That they express our sincere Attachment to our most gracious Sovereign King *George the Third*, and our determined Resolution to support his lawful Authority in this Province; at the same Time, that we cannot depart from a steady Adherence to the first Law of Nature, a firm and resolute Defence of our Persons and Properties, against all unconstitutional Infringements whatsoever.

That they assert our Right to all the Privileges of *British* Subjects, particularly that of paying no Taxes or Duties but with our own Consent; and that the Legislature of this Province have the exclusive Power of making Laws to regulate our