

Internal Policy, subject to his Majesty's Disallowance.

That should the British Parliament continue to exercise the Power of levying Taxes and Duties on the Colonies, and making Laws to bind them in all Cases whatsoever, such Laws must be highly unconstitutional and oppressive to the Inhabitants of British America, who have not, and, from their local Circumstances, cannot have a fair and equal Representation in the British Parliament; and that these Disadvantages must be greatly increased by the Misrepresentations of designing Men; insinual to the Colonies, the Influence of whose Reports cannot be guarded against, by Reason of the Distance of America from them; or as has been unhappily experienced in the Case of the Town of Boston, when the Ears of Administration have been shut against every Attempt to vindicate a People who claimed only the Right of being heard in their own Defence.

That therefore, all we obtain an explicit Declaration and Acknowledgment of our Rights, we agree to stop all Imports from Great Britain after the First Day of January, 1775, and that we will not export any of our Commodities to Great Britain after the First day of October, 1775.

That they concur with the Delegates or Deputies from the other Colonies in such Regulations, Addresses or Remonstrances, as may be deemed most probable to restore a lasting Harmony and good Understanding with Great Britain, a Circumstance we most sincerely and ardently desire; and that they agree with the Majority of them in all necessary Measures for promoting a Redress of such Grievances as may come under their Consideration.

Resolved, That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Hon. John Harvey, Esq; Moderator, for his faithful Exercise of that Office, and the Services he has thereby rendered to this Province, and the Friends of America in general.

JOHN HARVEY, Moderator.

At a very respectable and numerous Meeting of the FREEHOLDERS of the County of Chowan and Town of Edenton, and other Inhabitants of the said County and Town, at the Court House in Edenton, on the 22d Day of August, in the Year of our Lord 1774, the Rev. Mr. DANIEL EARL in the Chair.

WE profess and testify our Allegiance to his most sacred Majesty King GEORGE the Third, our most gracious Sovereign, whom we will at all Times support in the just and legal Exercise of the Powers vested in him by the British Constitution; for the Good of his People; to the utmost of our Power.

Resolved, That it is the natural Right of Mankind to enjoy and possess the Property acquired by their Labour and Industry, until they consent to part from it; that this Right is amply secured to every British Subject by the fundamental Laws and Constitution of Great Britain; and that the Inhabitants of this Province are entitled to all Liberties, Franchises, and Privileges, of his Majesty's British Subjects.

Resolved, That all Acts of the British Parliament imposing Taxes or Duties, for the Purpose of raising a Revenue, to be paid by the Inhabitants of this, or any other of his Majesty's Colonies in America, are arbitrary and unjust, tending to create unhappy Jealousies between his Majesty's British and American Subjects, and to destroy our natural Rights and Privileges, confirmed and guaranteed by Royal Charters, to our Ancestors and their Posterity.

Resolved, That the Act for stopping up the Port of Boston is highly unjust, oppressive, and unconstitutional; the British Legislature, in as much as it must have been obtained this Misinformation, and from Suggestions, if not a together grounded, and highly exaggerated. That the Act for the better regulating the Government of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, in North America, is an Attempt to dissolve a Contract most solemnly entered into by the present Ancestors of the Massachusetts-Bay with their Sovereign; a Contract which ought to be held inviolable, without the mutual Consent of King and People: That if the King and Parliament continue to exercise this Power, none of the Colonies may expect to enjoy their Rights and Privileges longer than they approve themselves obedient to the Dependents on Administration. That the Act for the impartial Administration of Justice in the Cases of Persons questioned for any Acts done in the Colonies, is highly unconstitutional and oppressive.

Resolved, That the above Acts are a dreadful Profrage of what we have to apprehend from a Legislature which claims a Power of making Statutes

to bind the Inhabitants of the Colonies in all Cases whatsoever.

Resolved, That the most probable Means of defeating the baneful Purposes intended to be carried into Execution under the above Acts is, to promote and encourage the Manufactures of this Country, by wearing them ourselves, and using them in our Families; and to avoid, as much as possible, the Purchase of any British or India Wares or Manufactures.

Resolved, That Samuel Johnston, Thomas Oldham, Thomas Jones, Thomas Bannock, Thomas Hunter, and Joseph Hewitt, Esquires, be appointed to represent this County and Town at the Meeting of the Delegates from the several Counties in this Province at Newbern, the 25th Instant, to deliberate on the most effectual Means of providing against the Evils which threaten our Constitution, and to appoint Delegates to represent this Province at a General Congress of Deputies from all the American Colonies at Philadelphia.

Resolved, That we will faithfully observe, and endeavour to carry into Execution, all Orders and Resolutions entered into by the Delegates, both in the Provincial and General Congress, (giving our Allegiance to his Majesty).

At a Meeting of the FREEHOLDERS of the County of Johnston, in the Province of North-Carolina, at the Court House of said County, on the 12th Day of August 1774. SAMUEL SMITH, JUN. Esq; in the CHAIR.

1. RESOLVED, That his Majesty's Subjects in North America owe the same Allegiance to the Crown of Great Britain, that is due from his Subjects born in that Kingdom, or elsewhere.

2. RESOLVED, That his Majesty's Subjects in America are entitled to the same Rights and Liberties, that his Subjects within the Kingdom of Great Britain are.

3. RESOLVED, That it is repugnant to the Rights of the People that any Taxes should be imposed on them without their Consent, or the Consent of those who properly represent them.

4. RESOLVED, That it is a fundamental Right which his Majesty's Subjects are entitled to, that no one of them shall suffer in his Person or Property without a fair Trial and Judgment given by his Peers, or by the Laws of the Land.

5. RESOLVED, That all Trials of Treasons, Misprison of Treasons, or for any Felony or Crimes whatsoever, committed in this his Majesty's Colony, by any Person being a free born Subject, ought of right to be tried in, and before, his Majesty's Courts held within this Colony; and that the seizing any Person or Persons suspected of Crimes whatsoever, and sending them to Great Britain, or any other Place beyond the Sea, to be tried, is oppressive, illegal, and highly derogatory to the Right of British Subjects, as thereby the inestimable Privilege of being tried by a Jury from the Vicinage, as well as the Benefit of procuring Witnesses on such Trial, will be taken away from the Party accused.

6. RESOLVED, That Samuel Smith, sen. Needham Egan, jun. William Bryan, and Benjamin Williams, Esquires, be appointed to appear in our Behalf at such Times and Places as shall be judged most proper, to meet the Deputies of the other Counties, to consult the Welfare of America on this alarming Crisis, which seems to threaten our Liberties and Constitution, and to elect Persons to represent this Province at a general continental Congress, to be held at such Time and Place as shall be by them agreed on.

7. RESOLVED, That we will strictly adhere to, and abide by, such Regulations and Restrictions as the Members of said General Congress shall agree to, and judge most convenient, for avoiding the Calamities, and procuring the Benefits intended by their Resolves.

8. RESOLVED, That Samuel Smith, sen. William Bryan, John Smith, Samuel Smith, jun. Needham Bryan, jun. Henry Rams, and William Harn, Esquires, be appointed a Committee, to correspond with the Committees of the other Counties in this Province, when, and as often as they shall think convenient, relative to the Matter contained in the foregoing Resolves.

At a Meeting of the FREEHOLDERS of the County of Anson, in the Province of North-Carolina, held at the Court House of the said County, on the 14th Day of August, 1774. THOMAS WADE, Esq; Chairman,

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Meeting, that the late arbitrary and cruel Acts of the British Parliament, and other unconstitutional and oppressive Measures of the British Mi-

nistry, against the Town and Port of Boston, and Province of Massachusetts-Bay, are no other than the most alarming Prelude to that Yoke of Slavery, already manufactured by the said Ministry, and by them intended to be laid on all the Inhabitants of British America, and their Posterity, for ever.

Resolved, That in Order to disappoint the Machinations of the said Ministry, and to secure the Rights of British Subjects in America, the Members of this Meeting are fully sensible of the Expediency of sending Deputies to represent them at a general Convention of Deputies from the several Counties of this Colony, to be held at Johnston Court House, on the 25th Instant; and likewise of sending Deputies from thence to attend for, and represent, the Inhabitants of this Colony at a General Congress of Delegates from all the Colonies on this Continent, to be held at Philadelphia, on the 20th of September next, or at such Time and Place as shall be generally agreed upon.

Resolved, That Samuel Spencer, and William Thomas, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed Deputies on Behalf of this County, to act for, and represent, the Inhabitants thereof at the said general Convention of Deputies from the several Counties of this Colony, to be held at Johnston Court House aforesaid, on the 20th of this instant August, or at such other Time and Place as shall be generally agreed upon, and there to consult on the great and important Subject of American Freedom, and thence to appoint Delegates to act on Behalf of this Colony at the said General Congress, to be held as aforesaid, and to pursue such Measures, in Union with the Rest of the Colonies, as may be thought most conducive to the Preservation of the Rights and Liberties of this Colony, and those of America in general: And that the Conduct of the Deputies hereby appointed on Behalf of this County, in Conjunction with that of the Deputies appointed to represent the several Counties of this Colony in full Convention, as aforesaid, shall be taken and deemed to be obligatory on us the Freeholders and Inhabitants of this County.

Resolved, That Thomas Dackery, Thomas Wade, Samuel Spencer, William Thomas, Charles Robinson, Charles Maddock, William Pickett, and James Todd, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee for this County, to correspond with any Committee of Correspondence in this Colony, and to appoint Meetings of the Freeholders of this County as often as they, or a Majority of them, shall conceive the Exigency of the Times may require.

Resolved, That, as in the Opinion of this Meeting, the Cause wherein the Inhabitants of Boston and Massachusetts-Bay are now suffering, in Consequence of the aforesaid arbitrary and cruel Acts, is the common Cause of all North America, the Committee hereby appointed be instructed to open and promote a Subscription for contributing towards the Relief of those indigent Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, whom the Operation of one of the aforesaid Acts has deprived of the Means of subsisting themselves, and that the Money, or other Articles collected by such Subscription, be transmitted by the above Committee to the said Committee of Correspondence appointed for this Colony, to be laid out, and disposed of, in such Manner as the said last mentioned Committee shall conceive to be best adapted to answer the Design thereof.

Resolved, That it be an Instruction to the Deputies above appointed on Behalf of this County, that it is the Opinion of this Meeting, that the speediest, most constitutional, and effectual Way to obtain Redress of the Grievances above mentioned, will be for the several American Colonies on this Continent, to stop all Trade and Commerce with Great Britain, and every Part of America that shall continue any Trade or Commerce with the same (except in some necessary Articles, such as Salt) until the above said Acts be repealed, and other unconstitutional Measures of the British Ministry be discarded; and that it is the Opinion of this Meeting, that such Stoppage of Commerce will indispensably involve the Necessity of stopping the Commencement and Prosecution of Suits for the Recovery of the greatest Part of such Debts as are now due from Persons residing in the said Colonies, and that it is the Desire of this Meeting, that a Line may be properly drawn and ascertained between such Suits as ought, and such as ought not, to be commenced and prosecuted for the Recovery of Debts in the said Colonies, upon the Principles of such Stoppage of Commerce, as aforesaid.

At a general Meeting of the FREEHOLDERS and INHABITANTS of the Town of Halifax, on Monday the 22d Day of August, 1774. JOHN WEBB, Esq; being chosen Moderator, the following RESOLVES were unanimously agreed to, viz.

1. RESOLVED, That we will bear true and faithful Allegiance to his Majesty King GEORGE the Third, and that we will ever, and protect his sacred Person, and the Succession of the Crown to his Royal Issue.