

Saxby, but their detestation of the office; and even those might have been prevented, had there been no backwardness shewn in opening the doors, and an answer as readily given as was expected, to the question, "whether there was any stamp papers in the house?" Upon the doors being at length opened, and no such papers found, the cart, with its contents, proceeded to the Green, back of the brick barracks, where the effigies were committed to the flames, amidst the loud and repeated shouts of an increasing multitude. — The bells of St. Michael's church rang muffled all day; and, during the procession, there was a most solemn knell for the burial of a coffin, on which was inscribed, "AMERICAN LIBERTY." — No outrages whatever were committed during the whole procession, except the trifling damage done to Mr. Saxby's house, whose furniture, 'twas said, had been mostly removed into the country ten days before: But after the procession and funeral, diligent search was made after ANOTHER gentleman, upon a report prevailing in the evening, that HE was appointed DISTRIBUTOR of the Stamps, and NOT Mr. Saxby, in order to be informed, "whether HE intended to execute the Act;" This gentleman not being found that night, had like to have produced some commotion; but the next day (being Sunday) a solemn declaration, signed by him, was stuck up at the Exchange, importing, "that he neither had received a commission, knew of his appointment, or that the stamp papers were consigned to him;" which in some measure appeased the people.

Monday, Oct. 21st, his Honour Lieut. Governor BULL issued a Proclamation, offering of 50l. sterling, for apprehending any or every of the persons concerned in the abovementioned riot. — [QUERY, Suppose the whole 2000 had been seiz'd upon and delivered up, where would his honour have found Money to have paid the reward? —]

From this time every thing remained perfectly quiet, except that written advertisements were daily stuck up in public places, declarative of, or exhortative to, firmness, in support of natural rights, and opposition to oppressive and unconstitutional burthens; the stamp papers being then supposed to be lodged in Fort Johnson.

Wednesday Oct. 23d. His Majesty's Ketch the Speedwell, commanded by Captain Fanshawe, came down from Hobcaw, immediately proceeded to Fort Johnson, and anchored close thereto; the garrison of which had been augmented, &c. The same evening it was reported, that the stamp papers had been brought up to town unobserv'd, and lodged in the house of a gentleman at Ansonborough; upon which a number of people went thither to be satisfied of the truth of the report; but finding none, they returned quietly, without offering the least insult to any person whatever.

Thursday Oct. 24th, by order of his Honour the Lieut. Governor, an advertisement was stuck up at the Watch-House, signed by the Clerk of the Council, giving notice, "that the stamps lately arrived, were lodged in Fort Johnson, till it should be necessary for his Majesty's service to remove them from thence;" which had this good effect, that it prevented troublesome visits and enquiries to other gentlemen, who might have been suspected of receiving the stamps into their charge.

Friday evening, Oct. 25th, arrived the Carolina Packet, Capt. Dobson, from London; upon which there was some little appearance of a tumult; but it subsided as soon as it was known that no stamp officer was on board, and that Mr. Saxby had taken his passage, and was on board the Heart-of-Oak, Capt. Gunn.

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