

WILMINGTON, Feb. 26.

NOTwithstanding what passed, relative to the Attorney-General's Opinion on the Seizure of the Sloops, by Captain Lobb, for want of Stamped Clearances, as mentioned in our last; the Inhabitants remained greatly dissatisfied, more particularly at Mr. Attorney's Answer to the 3d Quere, where he says, "If Prosecutions are intended against the Vessels, they must be sent to Halifax, &c." And concluding in these Words, viz. "Upon the whole, it is my Opinion, that it is the Duty of the Collector to prosecute on the Information he has received." In Consequence of which Opinion, the People from several of the Counties round, assembled at Wilmington, on Tuesday the 18th of this Instant, appointed Officers to take the Command, compelled them to act, and entered into the following Association, which was signed by all the principal Gentlemen, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of several Counties; viz.

NORTH-CAROLINA.

WE the Subscribers, free and natural born Subjects of George the Third, true and lawful King of Great-Britain, and all its Dependencies, (whom God preserve) whose sacred Person, Crown and Dignity, we are ready and willing, at the Expence of our Lives and Fortunes to defend, being fully convinced of the oppressive and arbitrary Tendency of a late Act of Parliament, imposing Stamp Duties on the Inhabitants of this Province, and fundamentally subversive of the Liberties and Charters of North-America; truly sensible of the inestimable Blessings of a free Constitution, gloriously handed down to us by our brave Forefathers, detesting Rebellion, yet preferring Death to Slavery, DO, with all Deference to the just Laws of our Country, and with a proper and necessary Regard to ourselves and Posterity, hereby mutually and solemnly plight our Faith and Honour, that we will at any Risk whatever, and whenever called upon, unite, and truly and faithfully assist each other, to the best of our Power, in preventing entirely the Operation of the Stamp Act.

Witness our Hands, this 18th Day of February, 1766.

On Wednesday the 19th, they proceeded to Brunswick, where their Numbers were soon increased to upwards of a Thousand, and had Intelligence of several Hundreds more on their March to join them. On their Arrival at Brunswick, in order to remove all Apprehensions on the Part of his Excellency the Governor, the following Letter was delivered him, by two Gentlemen sent for that Purpose; viz.

SIR, The Inhabitants dissatisfied with the particular Restrictions laid on the Trade of this River, only, have determined to march to Brunswick, in hopes of obtaining, in a peaceable Manner, a Redress of their Grievances from the commanding Officer of his Majesty's Ships, and have compelled us to conduct them: We therefore think it our Duty to acquaint your Excellency, that we are fully determined to protect from Insult your Person and Property, and that if it will be agreeable to your

Excellency, a Guard of Gentlemen shall be immediately detached for that Purpose.

We have the Honour to be, with the greatest Respect, SIR, your Excellency's

Feb. 19, 1766. most obedient humble Servants.

To his Excellency Col. William Tryon,
Governor and Commander in Chief
of North-Carolina.

On Thursday the 20th, a Conference was held with the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's Ships, and the Collector, and in the Afternoon Matters were happily accommodated, and a Promise obtained, that the Port should for the Future be freed from the particular Restrictions heretofore laid on it, at least until the Arrival of the Surveyor-General of the Customs, and that Vessels should be entered and cleared as usual.

On Friday the 21st, a Party of Men was sent for the Collector, Naval Officer, and Comptroller of the Customs; the Collector and Naval Officer were brought, and Information was received, that the Comptroller was at the Governor's; upon which a Gentleman was dispatched to demand his Attendance, which he refused to comply with; and the People being informed that he was detained by the Governor, a Letter was then sent to request that his Excellency would be pleased to let him attend: They received for Answer, That the Comptroller was employ'd by his Excellency on Dispatches for his Majesty's Service, and that any Gentleman who had Business with him, might see him at the Governor's House.

A Party was then immediately dispatched to fetch him, and marched directly to the Governor's: They halted near the House, by Order, and a Gentleman was once more sent to the Comptroller, to desire he would not put the People to the disagreeable Necessity of entering his Excellency's House, with a Promise, that if he would come out, no Injury should be offered his Person, which he at last complied with. The Party then joined the main Body, and marched immediately into the Town, drew up in a large Circle, placing the Custom-House Officers in the Center, where they all made Oath, that they would not, directly or indirectly, by themselves, or any other Person employ'd under them, sign or execute in their several and respective Offices, any stamp'd Papers, until the Stamp Act should be accepted of by the Province. All the Clerks of the Courts, Lawyers, &c. present, were sworn to the same Effect.

The People then immediately dispersed, in order to repair to their several Places of Abode.

It is well worthy of Observation, that few Instances can be produced, of such a Number of Men being together so long, and behaving so well; not the least Noise or Disturbance, nor any Person seen disguised with Liquor, during the whole Time of their Stay at Brunswick, neither was there an Injury offered to any Person, but the whole Affair conducted with Decency and Spirit, worthy the Imitation of all the Sons of LIBERTY throughout the Continent.