

that has been given us, to express the warm Attachment we have to our Sister Colonies in general, and the Heartfelt Compassion we entertain for the deplorable State of the Town of Boston in particular, and also to declare the fixed and determined Resolution of this Colony, to unite with the other Colonies in every Effort to retain those just Rights and Liberties which, as Subjects to a British King, we possess, and which it is our absolute and indispensable Duty to hand down to Posterity unimpaired.

The exhausted State of the Public Funds, of which your Excellency complains, we contemplate with great concern; alleviated, however, by the Reflection, that it has not been owing to any Misconduct of the Assembly. We were withheld from passing any Inferior Court Law, but upon such Terms our Duty rendered it impossible to accept, by which Means no List of Taxables could be taken for the Year 1773, and consequently no Money collected to defray the Charges of Government for that Year; and as your Excellency did not think proper to meet the Assembly at their usual Time of Meeting in the Fall, no Act could be passed to defray the contingent