

C. J. William Hopper for Caroline County
Peter Chaillie for Worcester County.

On motion, Resolved, That any person or persons who shall hereafter import into this Province any Arms or Ammunition, shall be at liberty to sell the same to the Inhabitants for any Price they can agree for.

Ordered, that the Honble Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Johnson Jun^r Samuel Chase, William Paca, Robert Goldsborough, John Hall and Thomas Stone Esq^{rs} be a Committee to prepare a Letter to the Convention of Virginia, assigning the reasons why this Convention will not accede to their Resolution.

The Committee prepared the following Letter, to wit.

In Provincial Convention Annapolis 1st Aug^t 1775
Gentlemen,

The Resolution of your Convention, That no Flour, wheat, or other grain, or Provisions of any kind should be exported from your Colony, to any part of the World, after the fifth day of August, came to hand by your Express yesterday afternoon. The Delegates from this Province have communicated to this Convention, That the utility & propriety of stopping exports had been fully considered by the Congress, and that they had not thought proper to stop the exports before the tenth day of September. We have received information that the Congress intended to adjourn the beginning of this Week, so that this subject cannot again be brought before them.

This Convention on mature consideration do not see that the advantages to the common cause, by an immediate Stoppage of the Export of provisions, could equal the inconveniences and Distresses of individuals which would certainly be occasioned thereby nor that any Distress could be brought on the common enemy, by our coming into your Resolution without the accession of the Colonies of Pennsylvania and New York, which cannot be brought about sooner than the 10th of September, as the Convention of New York will probably rise about the same time as the Congress; and the Assembly of Pennsylvania hath already adjourned. For these reasons we have unanimously resolved not to prohibit Exports before that Day.

We are with great respect
Your mo. obd^t Servants
Mat. Tilghman
Chairman

By order of the Convention
To the Honble Convention of Virginia

Convention adjourns till tomorrow morning 10 o'Clock.