

L. H. J. You Robert Saunders as Serjeant at Arms Attending the Lower
 Liber No. 52 House of Assembly You Cornelius Howard as Doorkeeper to the
 Sept. 23 Lower House of Assembly Do Swear that you will severally faithfully Diligently and Honestly Discharge your Offices as Serjeant at Arms Attending the Lower House of Assembly and as Door keeper to the Lower House of Assembly And that you shall not Disclose or reveal the Secrets thereof

So help you God

The following Letters Viz:†

Sir

The House of Representatives of his Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay at the Session of the General Assembly in May last being informed of the late Act of Parliament relating to the Sugar Trade with the foreign Colonies and the resolutions of the House of Commons relating to the Stamp Duties and other Taxes proposed to be laid on the British Colonies were humbly of Opinion that those Measures have a Tendency to deprive the Colonists of some of their most essential Rights as British Subjects and as men particularly the right of Assessing their own Taxes and being free from any Impositions but such as they Consent to by themselves or Representatives

Our Agent Informs us that in a Conference he had with M:^r Greenville on these Subjects he was told that the Ministry were desirous of Consulting the ease the quiet and Good will of the Colonies Such Expressions induce us to hope that there is nothing punitive in these Measures and that humble dutifull Remonstrances may yet have their effect. But if while these things are thus publicly handled no Claim is made no Remonstrance is preferred on the part of the Colonies such Silence must be interpreted a tacit cession of their Rights and an humble Acquiescence under all their Burdens

The House have wrote fully upon this Subject to the Agent of this province and directed him to remonstrate against these Measures and to endeavour a Repeal of said Act and if Possible to prevent the Imposition of any further duties and Taxes on the Colonies for
 p. 240 this purpose they were desirous of the united Assistance of the several Colonies in a Petition against such formidable Attacks on what they Conceive to be the inseparable Rights of British Subjects and that the Agents of the several Colonies might be directed by the Representatives of the people on the Continent of North America to unite in the most Serious Remonstrance against Measures so Destructive of the Liberty the Commerce and property of the Colonists and in their Tendency so pernicious to the real Interest of Great Britain.

The House have done us the Honour to Appoint us a Committee in the Recess of the General Court to Inform the several Houses