

with the Letter from your Committee of Correspondence, I laid before the House of Deputies of this Colony at their Meeting the last Week.

The House thoroughly convinced that a firm Union of the Colonies is absolutely necessary for the Presentation of their antient legal and constitutional Rights, and that the Measures proposed by your House of Burgesses will greatly promote so desirable an End, came, Nemine Contradicente, into the Resolution's of which I have the Honor now to inclose you a Copy.

I am desired to inform you that the Committee, appointed by our House of Deputies, will, as soon as possible, transmit to the Committee of Correspondence of Virginia the best Account they shall be able to obtain, respecting the Court of Inquiry lately held in this Colony.

I am, with great respect

Your most obedient Servant

Metcalf Bowler.

The Honble. Peyton Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Endorsed on back] Metcalf Bowler Rhode Island May 15, 1773.

In the House of Deputies

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1773

Resolv'd that a Standing Committee of Correspondance and enquiry be appointed to consist of seven Persons to wit The Hoñble Stephen Hopkins Esq.<sup>r</sup> Metcalf Bowler, Moses Brown John Cole, William Bradford, Henry Ward, J. Henry Merchant Esq.<sup>rs</sup> any four of whom to be a Committee whose Business it shall be to obtain the most early and Authentick Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the British Parliament or Proceedings of Administration as may relate to or affect the British Colonies in America and to keep up and maintain a Correspondance and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important Considerations And the result of such their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before this House

Voted p Ord.<sup>r</sup> J. Lyndon Cler

The above written is a true Copy of a Note of the House of Deputies or Lower House of Assembly of the Colony of Rhode Island

Teste Josias Lyndon Cler

[Endorsed on back] Resolution of the Legislature of Rhode Island  
May 7.<sup>th</sup> 1773.

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Whereas this House hath Appointed a Committee of Correspondance with Committees of the other Colonies in North America