

and Authority on which was constituted a Court of Enquiry, held in Rhode Island, said to be vested with Powers to transport persons accused of Offences committed in America, to Places beyond the Seas to be tried.

Resolved that the said Committee be further instructed to prepare and Report to this House a Draught of a very respectful Answer to the Letters received from the Speaker of the honorable House of Burgesses of Virginia, and the Speaker of the honorable House of Representatives of the Colony of Rhode Island: also a circular Letter to the Speakers of the several other Houses of Assembly on the Continent, inclosing the aforesaid Resolves; and requesting them to lay the same before their respective Assemblies, in Confidence that they will readily and cheerfully comply with the wise and salutary Resolves of the House of Burgesses of Virginia.

Then the House immediately made Choice of the following Gentlemen to be the Committee of Correspondence & Communication with the other Colonies. viz:

M.^r Speaker, M.^r Samuel Adams, honb.^{le} John Hancock Esq; M.^r William Phillips, Capt. William Heath, honb.^{le} Joseph Hawley Esq; honb.^{le} James Warren Esq; Richard Derby Jun.^r Esq; M.^r Eldridge Gerry, Jerethmeel Bowers Esq.^r Jedediah Foster Esq; Daniel Leonard Esq; Capt. Thomas Gardner, Capt. Jonathan Greenleaf, and James Prescott Esq.^r

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Attest Samuel Adams Cler:

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Fairfield in Connecticut 24 June 1773

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I have it in command from the House of Representatives of this Colony to acknowlege the Receipt of Your Favour of the 19th March Last together with Resolutions of the Patriotic House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia which came to my Hand in May Last when the Assembly of this Colony was Sitting which without delay I communicated in the House of Representatives of this Colony and received their commands to transmitt to You the Resolutions they came into thereupon and request you as early as may be to Lay them before that Hon.^{le} House by which they will see how readily they approved of cheerfully adopted the Measures proposed to them and have appointed a Com.^{tee} of Correspondance as requested to and by whom matters relative to the general Interest of the Colonies may

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