

At a Meeting of the COMMITTEES appointed by the several Counties of the Province of MARYLAND, at the City of Annapolis, the 22d day of June, 1774, and continued by adjournment from day to day, till the 25th day of the same month, Were present,

N I N E T Y - T W O M E M B E R S.

M A T T H E W T I L G H M A N, Esq; in the Chair.

J O H N D U C K E T T chose Clerk.

IT being moved from the chair to ascertain the manner of dividing upon questions, it was agreed, that on any division each county have one vote, and that all questions be determined by a majority of counties.

The letter and vote of the town of Boston, several letters and papers from Philadelphia and Virginia, the act of parliament for blocking up the port and harbour of Boston, the bill depending in parliament subversive of the charter of the Massachusetts-Bay, and that enabling the governor to send supposed offenders from thence to *another* colony, or *England*, for trial, were read, and after mature deliberation thereon,

I. RESOLVED, That the said act of parliament, and bills, if passed into acts, are cruel and oppressive invasions of the natural rights of the people of the Massachusetts-Bay as men, and of their constitutional rights as English subjects; and that the said act, if not repealed, and the said bills, if passed into acts, will lay a foundation for the utter destruction of *British* America, and therefore that the town of Boston and province of Massachusetts, are now suffering in the common cause of America.

II. RESOLVED, That it is the duty of every colony in America to unite in the most speedy and effectual means to obtain a repeal of the said act, and also of the said bills, if passed into acts.

III. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this committee, that if the colonies come into a joint resolution to stop all importations from, and exportations to, Great-Britain, until the said acts, or bills, if passed into acts, be repealed, the same will be the most speedy and effectual means to obtain a repeal of the said act or acts, and preserve North-America and her liberties.

IV. RESOLVED, Notwithstanding the people of this province will have many inconveniencies and difficulties to encounter, by breaking off their commercial intercourse with the mother country, and are deeply affected at the distress which will be thereby necessarily brought on many of their fellow-subjects in Great-Britain, yet their affection and regard to an injured and oppressed sister colony, their duty to themselves, their posterity, and their country, demand the sacrifice—and therefore that this province will join in an association with the other principal and neighbouring colonies, to stop all exportations to, and importations from, Great-Britain, until the said act, and bills, if passed into acts, be repealed: the non-importation and non-exportation to take place on such future day as may be agreed on by a general congress of deputies from the colonies—the non-export of tobacco to depend and take place only on a similar agreement by Virginia and North-Carolina, and to commence at such time as may be agreed on by the deputies for this province and the said colonies of Virginia and North-Carolina.