

and are worthy of Remembrance, (to avoid all Misquotation) we shall give their Publication entire.

ANNAPOLIS, September 26, 1769.

“ CAPTAIN *Andrew Bryson*, of the Ship *Betsy*, arrived at this Place last Week from *Bristol*, which Place he left the 18th of *July*, as appears by the Papers lodged in the Custom-House. Immediately on the Arrival of the Ship, we, with some other Merchants in the City, made Enquiry what Goods were on board the said Ship, which was found to consist only of an Adventure of the Captain's, amounting to about 700 *l.* Sterling, which Goods being purchased, and the Ship sailed, before the Resolutions for Non-importation in this Province could be heard of in *England*, it was our Opinion that Captain *Bryson* had a Right to dispose of his Goods. A few Days ago we purchased of him, Part of the above-mentioned Goods, amounting to 217 *l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* Sterling Cost; amongst which were Goods to the Amount of 133 *l.* of those Kinds enumerated in the General Association, entered into the 22d of *June* last, as Goods not to be imported; and, though they were shipped before these Resolutions could be known in *England*; yet, as the Purchase is thought, by many Gentlemen, to be repugnant to the general Spirit of the Association, and of the 5th Article in particular, we, as soon as we knew the Sentiments of these Gentlemen, determined and declared our Resolution, to deliver the said enumerated Goods immediately to be stored, until the Repeal of the Revenue-Acts, as we are clearly of Opinion, that wherever the least Doubt arises, the Interpretation should be in Favour of discouraging any Persons whatever, from importing or laying Goods contrary to the true Spirit of the Association. We have therefore this Day, of our own free Will, delivered the above-mentioned Goods into the Possession of Messieurs *Lancelot Jacques*, *Charles Wallace*, *Robert Couden*, *John Brice*, *Joshua Johnson*, and *Colin Campbell*, who have stored the same for our Use, and at our Risk, until they can be released, agreeable to the full Intent and Meaning of the Association. JAMES DICK & STEWART.”

We intreat the Favour of the Public, not to be too hasty in concluding that the inserting these detached Pieces, or the recapitulating the foregoing Particulars, are foreign to the Purpose; since, if they will but have the Patience to read the whole Transaction with the Attention that the Importance of the Subject deserves, they will be abundantly convinced of the absolute Necessity of inserting them, in order to connect together as in a Chain—The Rise—Progress—Design, and intended Effect of the Association; and they will also have an Opportunity of seeing the most striking and evident Proofs, that Messieurs *Dick* and *Stewart*, and Mr. *John Buchanan*, had the same Ideas, and held the same Principles, relative to the Association, that the Committee did in their Determination; and that it was the Departure of those Gentlemen from their own Principles, so often and so clearly expressed, that was the occasion of this most dangerous Attempt. They who know any Thing of the present Temper of the Times, and the Situation of the Province, well know that the admitting the Goods thus imported by this Vessel, would, to all Intents and Purposes have rooted up, and utterly destroyed the Association of the Province of *Maryland*; and with it, in all Probability, (so fatal would have proved the Example) the Associations of the neighbouring Provinces of *Virginia* and *Pennsylvania*, and finally, those of all *America*.

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