

the Shipping and Packing of the Articles allowable, with the Articles prohibited, evinced to the Committee, a concerted Plan to subvert the Association. They therefore held those Articles were *unfairly* imported, and ought not to be landed.

As to the Question, why the several Parcels which were held *fairly imported* were not landed? The Committee give this Answer: The only Authority they had, was to pronounce upon the Propriety of the Importation. When they had given their Judgment upon that Point, there was an End of their Authority, as a Committee: They were invested with no *compulsory* Means to enforce an Execution of their Adjudication and Opinion. As to the particular Parcels therefore *fairly imported*, the Committee could go no further, than to say they might be landed.

We cannot flatter ourselves that every Man will approve our Proceedings: The Petulant and narrow minded will raise Objections, and start Difficulties. Arguments are vainly urged when Interest is the predominant Passion. In all Countries Men may be found who hold private Advantage in preference to the public Welfare; but for the Honour of this Province, we hope the Number *here* is very small. By such as would destroy the mutual Confidence of the Colonies and subvert *American Liberty*, we have little Expectation of being applauded. Totally regardless of them and their Censure, we shall think ourselves happy if we meet with the Approbation of *those* who have a *generous Feeling* for their Country, AND WISH TO SAVE AMERICA FROM DESOLATION AND RUIN.

P. S. The *Good Intent*, with all the Goods, sailed from *Annapolis*, for *London*, on Tuesday the 27th *February* 1770.

We have just Time to add, that by his Majesty's Speech to the Parliament, on the 9th *January* 1770, and the Addresses of the Lords and Commons, this Minute arrived, there is great Reason to fear the Duty-Act WILL NOT BE REPEALED.—The Speech and Addresses are to be printed in the *Maryland Gazette*.