

c. J. of the Conventional Congress and Conventions of this Province, so far as the same shall relate to the commercial opposition to the measures of the British Ministry, in which the United Colonies are engaged, and to censure any person, or persons, who within their respective Counties shall be by them adjudged to have been guilty of any breach or breaches thereof, in such manner and degree as hath been or shall be directed by the said Congress and Conventions. And shall further have full power and authority on probable proof that any person has been guilty of any high and dangerous offence tending to disunite the Inhabitants of this Province in their present opposition, or to destroy the Liberties of America, to cause such person to be apprehended & forthwith sent together with the charge against him, to the Council of Safety, on that Shore, where the Offence shall be committed, who shall proceed to examine into the charge, and if the same shall be sufficiently proved, pronounce sentence thereon, that such person be imprisoned in such place and manner, and for such time as shall be adjudged, not beyond the rising of the next Convention who, if they think proper may take further order therein; or that he depart this Province within a certain time, to be limited.

That all persons pay obedience to and acquiesce in the determinations of such Committees of Observation and Council of Safety, and that no person whatsoever, other than the said Committees and Council presume to inflict any punishment for any such breaches or offence. And on the same day, or the next, to which the said Delegates are empowered to adjourn, the said Electors also choose by Ballot, five of the most discreet and sensible of such Freemen as aforesaid, of their County to be Delegates for the same, in any Provincial Convention to be held for this Province within one year then next following, with full power and Authority to such Delegates or any three or more of them, to appear and act for such County, in such Convention; and to consent and agree to, and bind such County to perform and execute all such matters and things, as such Convention, or a majority of the Counties of this Province shall determine to be necessary for the preservation of the Liberties of America.

And in case any of the said Delegates shall die or refuse to act, the said Committee of Observation for the respective County shall have power to appoint by Ballot, one of the said Committee to be a Delegate for the said County, with the like power and authority, in the place of any such Delegate, who shall die or refuse to act; provided that no such appointment shall be made unless two third parts of such Committee shall be present.