

next, to consult there with those other Committees, on the present Circumstances of the Colonies, and the Difficulties which they are, and must be reduced to, by the Operation of the Acts of Parliament, for levying Duties and Taxes on the Colonies, and to consider of a general, united, loyal, dutiful, and humble Representation of their Condition to his Majesty and the Parliament, and to implore Relief.

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Ordered, That the Public Treasurer do advance out of any Monies in his Hands, to the said Committee, a Sum not exceeding Six Hundred Pounds Sterling, for the Purposes aforesaid.

Resolved, That this House will reimburse the Treasurer the said Sum.

Ordered, That the following Gentlemen be appointed a Committee, for the Purposes aforesaid, viz.

Mr. Thomas Lynch, Mr. Christopher Gadsden, Mr. John Rutledge.

Thursday, August 8, 1765.

Ordered, That the Speaker do inform Thomas Lynch, Christopher Gadsden, and John Rutledge, Esquires, that they are appointed a Committee, to meet the Committees of the several other Colonies on this Continent, on the first Tuesday in October next, at New-York, and that he do acquaint them, it is the desire of the House, that they repair to New-York, on the said First Tuesday in October next, for the Purposes mentioned in the Report of the Committee, as agreed to by this House, on Friday the 26th Day of July last.

Ordered, That Three Copies of the Proceedings of this House, relative to the said Matter, be made out, and Signed by the Speaker, and that he deliver One of the said Copies to each of the said Gentlemen. p. 13

Raw. Lowndes, Speaker.

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[Monday, October 7, 1765]

Then the said Committees proceeded to chuse a Chairman by Ballot, and Timothy Ruggles, Esq; on sorting and counting the Votes, appeared to have a Majority, and thereupon was placed in the Chair.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That Mr. John Cotton be Clerk to this Congress, during the Continuance thereof.

Then the Congress took into Consideration the several Appointments of the Committees from New-York, New-Jersey, and the Government of the Lower Counties on Delaware, and