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as to your Lordships in your great Wisdom shall seem most conducive and Effectual to that important End.

And your Memorialists as in Duty bound will ever pray.

Wednesday, October 23, 1765, A. M.

The Congress met according to Adjournment.

The Petition to the House of Commons being Ingrossed, was Read and Compared, and is as follows, viz.

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of Great-Britain, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Colonies of the Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations,

,
, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Government of the Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex, upon Delaware, Maryland,

Most humbly Sheweth,

That the several late Acts of Parliament imposing divers Duties and Taxes on the Colonies, and laying the Trade and Commerce thereof under very Burthensome Restrictions, but above all the Act for granting and applying certain Stamp Duties, &c. in America, have fill'd them with the deepest Concern and Surprize; and they humbly conceive the Execution of them will be attended with Consequences very Injurious to the Commercial Interest of Great-Britain and her Colonies, and must terminate in the eventual Ruin of the latter.

Your Petitioners therefore most ardently implore the Attention of the Honourable House, to the united and dutiful Representation of their Circumstances, and to their earnest Supplications for Relief, from those Regulations which have already involv'd this Continent in Anxiety, Confusion, and Distress.

We most sincerely recognize our Allegiance to the Crown, and acknowledge all due Subordination to the Parliament of Great-Britain, and shall always retain the most grateful Sense of their Assistance and Protection. It is from and under the English Constitution, we derive all our Civil and Religious Rights and Liberties: We Glory in being Subjects of the best of Kings, and having been Born under the most perfect Form of Government; but it is with most ineffable and humiliating Sorrow, that we find ourselves, of late, deprived of the Right of Granting our own Property for his Majesty's Service, to which our Lives and Fortunes are entirely devoted, and to which, on his Royal Requisitions, we have ever been ready to contribute to the utmost of our Abilities.