

U. H. J. to the other Governments to acquaint them with the Instructions,  
 Liber No. 36 this day Voted to be sent to the Agent of this Province directing  
 Sept. 26 him to use his Endeavours to obtain a Repeal of the Sugar Act and  
 to exert himself to prevent a Stamp Act or any other Impositions  
 and Taxes upon this and the other American Provinces and that the  
 said Committee in the Name and behalf of this House desire the  
 several Assemblys on this Continent to Join with them in the same  
 Measures.

Att.<sup>r</sup> R: Cotton Clk: House Represent.<sup>s</sup>

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the  
 Province of Maryland.

Sir

The House of Representatives of his Majestys Province of the  
 Massachusetts Bay at the Session of the General Assembly in May  
 last being informed of the late Act of Parliament relating to the  
 Sugar Trade with the Foreign Colonies and the Resolutions of the  
 House of Commons relating to the Stamp Duties and other Taxes  
 proposed to be laid on the British Colonies were humbly of Opinion  
 that these Measures have a Tendency to deprive the Colonists of some  
 of their most essential Rights as British Subjects and as Men Par-  
 ticularly the Right of Assessing their own Taxes, and being free  
 from any Impositions but such as they Consent to by themselves or  
 Representatives.

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Our Agent informs us that in a Conference he had with M.<sup>r</sup>  
 Greenville on these Subjects he was told that the Ministry were  
 desirous of Consulting the Ease the Quiet and Goodwill of the  
 Colonies. Such Expressions induce us to hope that there is nothing  
 punitive in these Measures and that humble Dutiful Remonstrations  
 may yet have their Effect, But if while these things are thus Publicly  
 handled no Claim is made no Remonstrance is preferred on the part  
 of the Colonies Such Silence must be interpreted a Tacit Cession of  
 their Rights and an humble Acquiescence under all their Burdens.  
 The House have Wrote fully upon this Subject to the Agent of this  
 Province and directed him to remonstrate against these Measures to  
 endeavour a Repeal of said Act and if Possible to prevent the Im-  
 position of any further Duties and Taxes on the Colonies for this  
 purpose they were desirous of the United Assistance of the Several  
 Colonies in a Petition against such formidable Attacks on what they  
 Conceive to be the Inseparable Rights of British Subjects and that  
 the Agents of the Several Colonies might be directed by the Repre-  
 sentatives of the People on the Continent of North America to Unite  
 in the most Serious Remonstrance against Measures so destructive  
 of the Liberty the Commerce and Property of the Colonists, and  
 in their Tendency so pernicious to the real Interest of Great  
 Britain. The House have done us the Honour to appoint as a  
 Committee in the Recess of the General Court to inform the several