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present their Intention to propose in the next Session of Parliament to take off the Duties upon Glass, Paper, and Colours, upon Consideration of such Duties having been laid contrary to the true Principles of Commerce.

These, Sir, have always been, and still are the Sentiments of his Majesty's present Servants, and the Principles by which their Conduct, in Respect to America, has been grounded, and his Majesty relies upon your Prudence and Fidelity, for such an Explanation of his Measures as may tend to remove the Prejudices which have been excited by the Misrepresentations of those who are Enemies to the Peace and Prosperity of Great Britain and her Colonies and to re-establish that mutual Confidence and Affection upon which the Glory and Safety of the British Empire depend.

I am Sir Y.^r most obed.^t humble Serv.^t

(Signed) Hillsborough

Which was read, and referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

Upon reading the Second Time, and maturely considering the Letter from the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, and the Resolves therein mentioned, Resolved, That this House doth unanimously concur with the House of Burgesses in Virginia in the said Resolutions.

Resolved unanimously, That the Representatives of the Freemen of this Province, in their legislative Capacity, with the assent of the other Part of the Legislature, have the sole Right to lay Taxes and Impositions on the Inhabitants of this Province, or their Property and Effects; and that the laying, imposing, levying, or collecting any Tax on or from the Inhabitants of Maryland, under Colour of any other Authority, is unconstitutional, and a direct Violation of the Rights of the Freemen of this Province.

Resolved unanimously, That it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this Province to petition their Sovereign for the Redress of Grievances; and that it is lawful and expedient to procure the Concurrence of his Majesty's other Colonies, in dutiful Addresses, praying the Royal Interposition in Favour of the violated Rights of America.

Resolved unanimously, That all Trials for Treason, Misprision of Treason, or for any Felony or Crime whatever, committed and done in this Province, ought of Right to be had and conducted in and before the Courts of Law held within this Province, according to the fixed and known Course of Proceedings; and that the seizing any Person or Persons, suspected of any Crime whatever, committed in this Province, and sending such Person or Persons to Places beyond the Sea to be tried, is highly derogatory of the Rights of