

portant Considerations; and the Result of Such their Proceedings from Time to time to lay before this house

Extracted from the Journals of the House of Representatives of the Province of New Hampshire Attest William Parker Cler

To the Honorable The Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia

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Sir

The very judicious and important Resolves enter'd into by the House of Burgesses of his Majesty's most ancient Colony of Virginia on the 12th of March last, together with your obliging Letter inclosing the same, have been laid before the House of Representatives of this Province.

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The Wisdom of the Measure proposed in those Resolves, and the great and good Effects that may reasonably be expected to flow from them, not only to the Colonies but the Parent State, were so obvious, that the House immediately adopted them; and appointed a Committee to keep up and maintain a free Communication with Virginia and the rest of the Sister Colonies.

That there has long been a Settled Plan to subvert the political Constitutions of these Colonies and to introduce arbitrary Power, cannot in the opinion of this House admit of Doubt. Those who have aim'd to enslave us, like a Band of Brothers, have ever been united in their Councils and their Conduct. To this they owe their Success. Are they not in this Regard worthy Imitation? Here it is praise worthy to be instructed even by an Enemy.

The Object which the Conspirators against our Rights seem of late to have had much in View, has been either to lull the Colonies into a State of profound Sleep and Security, which is forever the forerunner of Slavery; or to foment Divisions among them. How necessary then, how important is it to counteract and defeat them in this fatal Design?—to awaken and fix the Attention of all to the common Danger—to open and maintain an uninterrupted Inter-course among the Colonies, that all may be fully apprised of the true State and Circumstances of each, and that the Councils of the whole may be united in some effectual Measures for restoring the publick Liberty.

That this may be the happy Effect of the truly laudable and generous Design of the House of Burgesses of Virginia is the most