

ardent Wish, and it shall be the Object of the Attention of this House.

In the Name & by Order of the House
I have the Honor to be with Strict Truth & Regard
S:

Your most Obedient humble Servant
Thomas Cushing Speaker

To the Speaker of the Hon:^{ble} House of Burgesses
of the Colony of Virginia

Resolves inclosed.

Province of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives May 27, 1773.

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Whereas the Speaker hath communicated to this House a Letter from the truly respectable House of Burgesses in his Majesty's Ancient Colony of Virginia, inclosing a Copy of the Resolves entered into by them on the 12.th of March last, and requesting that a Committee of this House may be appointed to communicate from Time to Time, with a corresponding Committee then appointed by the said House of Burgesses in Virginia.

And whereas this House is fully sensible of the necessity and Importance of an Union of the several Colonies in America, at a Time when it clearly appears that the Rights and Liberties of all are systematically invaded; in Order that the joint Wisdom of the whole may be employed in consulting their common Safety.

Resolved that this House have a very grateful Sense of the Obligations they are under to the House of Burgesses in Virginia, for the Vigilance, firmness and Wisdom, which they have discovered at all Times in Support of the Rights and Liberties of the American Colonies; and do heartily concur with them in their said judicious and spirited Resolves.

Resolved that a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed to consist of fifteen Members, any eight of whom to be a quorum; whose Business it shall be, to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the British Parliament, or proceedings of Administration, as may relate to, or affect the British Colonies in America; and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important Considerations; and the Result of such their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before the House.

Resolved that it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that they do, without Delay, inform themselves particularly of the Principles