

be communicated they have expressed themselves so fully in the Matters as Leave me no room to add any thing but that

I have the Honour to be with great truth

Sr

Your most Obedient Hum.^{le} Ser^t

The Hon.^{le} the Speaker of the }
House of Burgesses in Virginia }

Ebenezer Silliman

[Endorsed on back] June 24, 1773.

Resolves inclosed.

In the House of Representatives of the Colony of Connecticut.

Friday the 21.st May 13. Geo. 3.^d 1773.

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M.^r Speaker having laid before the house, a Letter from the Speaker of, and certain Resolutions entered into by the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia, on the 12.th of March last, Viz:

Whereas the Minds of his Majesty's faithful Subjects in this Colony, have been much disturbed by various Rumors and Reports of Proceedings, tending to deprive them of their ancient legal and constitutional Rights.

And whereas the affairs of this Colony are frequently connected with those of Great Britain, as well as of the neighbouring Colonies which renders a Communication of Sentiments necessary. In order therefore to remove the Uneasiness and quiet the Minds of the People, as well as for the other good Purposes above mentioned.

Be it Resolved, that a standing Committee of Correspondence and Inquiry be appointed to consist of eleven Persons to wit, the honorable Peyton Randolph Esquire, Robert Carter Nicholas, Richard Bland, Richard Henry Lee, Benjamin Harrison, Edmund Pendleton, Patrick Henry, Dudley Digges; Dabney Carr, Archibald Cary and Thomas Jefferson esquires, any six of whom to be a Committee, 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, & the Result of such their proceedings from time to time to lay before this House.

Resolved that it be an Instruction to the said Committee that they do, without Delay, inform themselves particularly of the Principles and Authority, on which was constituted a Court of Inquiry, said to have been lately held in Rhode Island, with powers to transport persons accused of offences committed in America to Places beyond the Seas to be tried.