

And further resolving that the Speaker of the said House of Burgesses, do transmit to the Speaker of the different assemblies of the British Colonies on this Continent, Copies of the said Resolutions and desire that they will lay them before their respective Assemblies, and request them to appoint some person or persons of their respective Bodies to communicate from time to time with their said Committee.

This House taking into Consideration the Contents of the said Letter, the aforesaid Resolutions and the Reasons on which they are founded, are of opinion that they are weighty & important in their Nature and Design, calculating and tending to produce happy and salutary Effects, in securing and supporting the ancient legal constitutional Rights of this and the Colonies in general, do therefore approve of and adopt the Measure.

And thereupon resolved that a standing Committee of Correspondence and Inquiry be appointed to consist of nine persons, to wit, the honorable Ebenezer Silliman Esq. William Williams, Benjamin Payne, Samuel Holden Parsons—Nathaniel Wayles, Silas Deane, Samuel Bishop, Joseph Trumbull, and Erastus Wolcott Esquires, whose Business it shall be to obtain all such Intelligence and to keep up & maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting the important Considerations mentioned & expressed in the aforesaid Resolutions of the patriotic House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia, and the Result of such their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before this House.

Resolved, that the Speaker of this house do transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the British Colonies on this Continent, Copies of these Resolutions, and request that they will come into similar Measures, and communicate from Time to Time with said Committee, on all Matters wherein the Common Welfare and Safety of the Colonies are concerned.

The foregoing Resolutions being severally read a third Time, were on the Question put, agreed to by the house.

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Attest. W.^m Williams Cler: D. R.

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Maryland Dec.^r 6, 1773.

Sir,

I took the earliest Opportunity after the Receipt of your Letter of the 19.th March, to lay the Resolutions of your House of Burgesses, before the House of Delegates of this Province at their meeting in June last. They then had them under Consideration but before any Resolutions were entered into, an unexpected Proroga-

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