

or to destroy the liberties of America, to cause such person to be apprehended, and forthwith sent, together with the charge against him, to the council of safety on that shore where the offence shall be committed, who shall proceed to examine into the charge, and if the same shall be sufficiently proved, pronounce sentence thereon, that such person be imprisoned, in such place and manner, and for such time, as shall be adjudged, not beyond the rising of the next convention, who, if they think proper, may take further order therein; or that he depart this province within a certain time to be limited.

That all persons pay obedience to and acquiesce in the determinations of such committees of observation and council of safety, and that no person whatsoever, other than the said committees and council, presume to inflict any punishment for any such breaches or offences. And on the same day, or the next, to which the said delegates are empowered to adjourn, the said electors also choose by ballot, five of the most discreet and sensible of such freemen, as aforesaid, of their county, to be delegates for the same, in any provincial convention to be held for this province, within one year then next following, with full power and authority to such delegates, or any three or more of them, to appear and act for such county, in such convention; and to consent and agree to, and bind such county to preform and execute all such matters and things as such convention or a majority of the counties of this province shall determine to be necessary for the preservation of the liberties of America.

And in case any of the said delegates shall die, or refuse to act, the said committee of observation for the respective county shall have full power to appoint by ballot one of the said committee, to be delegate for the said county, with the like power and authority, in the place of any such delegate who shall die or refuse to act; provided that no such appointment shall be made, unless two third parts of such committee shall be present.

That each committee of observation shall, as soon as conveniently may be after their appointment, choose by ballot five of their members, to be a committee of correspondence for their county, for the said time of one year, with power to any two or more of them to act as such.

That as the small-pox is now at Queen's-town, and it will in all probability be dangerous to the inhabitants of Queen Anne's county to assemble there for electing the committee of observation and delegates for that county, the election of the committee of observation and delegates for the said county shall be held at the house of George Hanson, instead of the court-house of that county.