

thing of the illegal *Ship Money*, though exacted with the whole power of the Court, but boldly Good a Suit with the Crown: The Judges in the infatuated Reign of James the Second baffled his *assessing Power* before his Face. But why mention Instances? A Train of illustrious Heroes rises before me, who sealed their Love of Liberty and Hatred to Tyranny with their richest Blood: In many a well fought Field has the glorious Cause been maintained, and we have enjoyed the Fruits of their generous Toils. They knew, that small Encroachments of Power, if tolerated, are fatal: And therefore would not give one Inch of Ground to the Insults of Despotism, or the more insidious Conspiracies of cunning Statesmen. Shall they have Fought and Bled in Vain? Shall we be so Degenerate, as not to have Spirit to maintain what they purchased at so Dear a Rate? This would be Intimacy and Safeness beyond the Power of Language to express. It cannot be, that any who has one Drop of their generous Blood flowing in his Veins, can endure a Thought of so vilely dishonouring *those* from whom we sprung. Let us *like them* Deify any Power on Earth to rob us of our Rights. They are Spectators of our Conduct, and O may they be always Witnesses of our Bravery! Awake, awake, thou Genius of LIBERTY, from thy temporary slumber! inspire us with their intrepid Spirit! Rouse, Rouse, my Countrymen, from this Languor, if continued it *must* be fatal. What? are we ashamed of our Cause? Do we think it better to sink into the lowest Gulph of Wretchedness than struggle any longer? Shall Liberty after all our noble Efforts be torn from our eager Grasp? Shall we lie down and suffer lawless Tyrants to tread upon us at Pleasure? I conjure you by the Genius of the Ancient Britons! by the Spirit of our glorious Constitution, the Work of Ages, the Wonder and Envy of Nations! by our renowned Forefathers, who rather than be slaves planted this howling Wilderness, the Haunts of wild Beasts, or Men more Savage than they! by all their glorious Toils and Hazards, by your Love to all Posterity! by the Happiness of unborn Millions! by the unbounded Prospect of future Empire opening before us! by all that is Tender, all that is Great, all that is Sacred! Arise with the Courage of Men, of Heroes; break this cursed Enchantment; finish the Deliverance of your insulted Country; disdain the least Badge of a vile Submission. *Let us all in all Respects like Freeman.* Let the Brand of indelible Infamy be the Lot of all that Sleep, that are Inactive or Cowardly at this ALARMING CRISIS.

PHILELEUTHERUS.

WILMINGTON, (N. CAROLINA) Dec. 18.

THE Sloop-----, Capt. Pindar, who sail'd from this Port some Time ago, for New River, is cast away; the Vessel and Cargo lost.

Dec. 25. Thursday last his Excellency Governor Tryon came up to Town from his Seat near Brunswick. He was received at the Market-Wharf by the Mayor, Aldermen, and other Gentlemen of the Borough; the New-Hanover Regiment of Militia, with their Officers, lining the Streets on both Sides, from the Wharf to his Excellency's House. He was then saluted by the Discharge of 17 Pieces of Artillery, placed at the Foot of Market-Street for that Purpose.---The Ships in the Harbour, commanded by the Captains Moore, Fuller, Foster, English, &c. displayed their Colours on the Occasion; and, in short, every Mark of Honour and Respect was paid to his Excellency; especially by Captain English, who obliged the Town with the Loan of his Guns, &c. and permitted his Men to assist in manning them.

Captain Phipps, Commander of his Majesty's Sloop Diligence, came up with his Excellency from Brunswick, where his Vessel now lies, and has the Stamp Paper on board:---Mr. Phipps was pleased to take Offence at the Captains of the Merchantmen having hoisted their Colours; particularly Capt. English's, which were a Green Field, with a Harp and Crown; and immediately demanded them of the Captain; as also the Pennants of the other Ships:---These Gentlemen thought, that as they had done it in Honour to the Governor, and, as no King's Vessel was then in Sight, that Capt. Phipps might have excused it; though the Act might be somewhat illegal, according to the strict Rules of the Navy. However, he persisted in his First Demand, and the Populace being made acquainted therewith, went in a Body,

seized on his Boat, haul'd her out of the Water, and dragged her up Market-Street, huzzaing as they went along, until they came to an open Place, where they intended to have burned her; which certainly would have been the Case, had not the Worshipful Frederick Gregg, the present Mayor of this Borough, (who was remarkably careful to preserve Regularity and good Order therein) and many other Gentlemen in the Town, interceded with the People to spare the Boat--which they agreed to do, provided that the Colours were brought to them in fifteen Minutes Time;--which Request (in Order to prevent the Boats Destruction) was complied with: The Populace received them with Three Cheers; and, after hoisting them on board the Boat, hauled her through the public Streets, then launched her safe into the Water, and then dispersed, without any other disorderly proceedings.

Jan. 1. Since our Last arrived the Sloop Favourite, (late Capt. Fitton, who died the Night he came up to Brunswick) Capt. Pennell from Jamaica:-- Mr. Pennell was obliged to take Stamp Paper Clearances, as the People of that Island have suffered the stamps to be foisted on them; which they might have prevented with the greatest Ease imaginable;--two Negroes only, having the Care of Carrying them by Land 14 Miles; and the Owner of the Slaves gave them Orders, that in Case they should be attacked, immediately to run off.---*If so, may they want the Necessaries of Life, and as they deserve no better Fate, may they be Slaves of Slaves to the latest Generation.*

Jan. 8. Since our Last arrived in this River from Philadelphia, the Sloop Patience, William Ward, Master. As soon as it was known by Capt. Lobb, that the Vessel was arrived, and that she had been cleared out without Stamp Paper Clearances, he sent down and seized her at Fort Johnson: And it being discovered that the Small Pox was on board, she is ordered to perform 30 Days Quarantine. This is a distressing Circumstance, as we have at present a severer Frost and Snow than has been known here for many Years. There are a great many Passengers on board, but the Disorder has appeared only on One. The Vessel 'tis expected, will be condemned, tho' Capt. Ward's Clearances were the same with those of 14 Sail which left the Port of Philadelphia at the same Time he did.

Several Captains of Vessels in this River, had determined to Sail with such Clearances as they could get, but the Seizure of this Sloop has put them entirely off such Determination.

BOSTON, January 20.

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, at Faneuil-ball, on Wednesday the 18th of December, 1765, and continued by Adjournment to January 16, 1766; the following Votes passed, viz.

WHEREAS the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for this County, together with the Court of Probate, is now open, and Business going on as usual.---VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, That the Representatives of the Town be and hereby are instructed to use their utmost Endeavours in the General Assembly at the present Session, that Measures may be taken that Justice be also duly administered in all the Counties throughout the Province; and that Inquiry may be made into the Reasons why the Course of Justice in the Province has been in any Measure obstructed.

It is further VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, That their Representatives be also instructed to use their Influence in the General Court, that proper Enquiry be made into the Behaviour of any Person or Persons who by their Misconduct have either contributed towards the Difficulties we labour under respecting the Stamp-Act, or have basely neglected to use their upright and best Endeavours to relieve us from those Difficulties.

CONNECTICUT.

At a Meeting of the respectable Populace, held at Lyme, in the County of New London, on the second Tuesday of January, A. D. 1766.

The following Resolves were unanimously agreed to and to be inserted in the New-London Gazette.

1. THAT we have an inviolable Right by the God of Nature, as well as by the English Constitution, (which is unalienable even by ourselves) to those Privileges and Immunities, which by the Execution of the Stamp-Act we shall be for ever stript and deprived of.

2. That we are unalterably fixt to defend our aforesaid Right and Immunities, by every lawful Way and Means, against every unjust Attack.

3. That our Averſion and Threats to any Person in public Character, or others in the Colony, is, and shall be only, on Account, and according as they are more or less engaged and active, directly or indirectly, to carry into Execution the Detestable and Oppressive Stamp-Act, which would be an indelible Stain to England's Glory, and perpetual Chains to American Liberty.

4. That since Mr. Ingerſol has made a public and solemn Resignation of his Office of Distributor, and confirmed the same by Oath (as is inserted in the Connecticut Gazette of the 10th Inst.) as also assures us by private Letters, though not in every Respect as we should be glad to have heard, and though we had Reason heretofore to distrust his Veracity, yet willing to extend our Charity as far as possible, do rely on and confide in his Veracity, that he will preserve his said Oath and Engagement inviolate.

5. That whereas Mr. Ingerſol has resigned as aforesaid, no Copies of his Letters or Papers are desired by the People of New-London County, but that the Gentlemen in whose Hands they are, take a Copy of the whole, and keep for the Use of the Public, and return the Originals as soon as may be.

6. That whereas it is believed that the Stamp-Papers for this Colony are hovering on our Coast on board the Cygnet Men of War stationed in this Colony, it is Resolved, that the SONS OF LIBERTY keep a vigilant Watch, and on any Attempt to Land the same, we engage our united Assistance to take and secure them for his Majesty's Use.

7. That whereas we conceive the general Safety and Privileges of all the Colonies to depend on a firm Union in Support of the British Constitution, we therefore, do declare, we will do our utmost to resist all such Enemies to his Majesty and the British Constitution, as shall attempt to dispossess the Colonies of their most sacred Rights, and will be ready, on all Occasions, to assist our Fellow Subjects in the Neighbouring Provinces, to repel all Violent Attempts which may be made to subvert their and our Liberties.

8. That Major Durkee in the County of New-London, be desired to correspond with the Sons of Liberty in the neighbouring Colonies, and from Time to Time inform them of the Sentiments of the Populace here, and receive and publish from them such Things as shall be thought of general Concern; and that the Populace of Windham and the other Counties are desired to appoint Persons for the same Purpose.

9. That the Inhabitants of this Colony, are desired to be cautious in believing, or adhering to any Insinuations from designing Persons, who, at Times, have endeavoured to cast Contempt, and put false Constructions on the Meetings of the Populace, which are formed and kept up with righteous Intentions, and have had the most salutary Effects.

10. That whereas the adjacent Colonies proceed in Business without Regard to the Stamp-Act; 'tis earnestly desired that the civil Authority of this Colony, do follow their laudable Example, as the delay of Business will be construed an implicit Acknowledgment of the Validity of the Stamp-Act, and a practical Contradiction of the principal Argument urged in our Petitions at Home, for the Repeal of the same; and for that Purpose, the Eyes of all are on the Superior Court of this Colony, to give the Example to the subordinate Authority.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wallingford, legally assembled and held by Adjournment on Monday the 13th Day of January, 1765.

WHEREAS it appears from ancient Records and other Memorials of incontestible Validity, that our Ancestors, with a great Sum purchased said Township: At their only Expence, planted, with great Peril possessed and defended the same; (and we were Free born) having never been in Bondage to any, an Inheritance of inestimable Value.

Voted and Agreed, That if any of said Inhabitants shall introduce, use, or improve any stamp Vellum, Parchment, or Paper, for which, tax or tribute is or may be demandable; such Person or Persons, shall incur the Penalty of 20s. to be recovered by the Select Men of said Town, for the Time being, for the Use of the Poor of said Town. This order to continue in Force until the next Meeting of said Inhabitants in Town Meeting.

Copy examined. Attest. ETHEL HALL.