

quiring to know by what Authority they were Endeavouring to raise a Mob? They answered, if he would go to the State-House, he might know. He then asked who ordered them to beat about the Streets? They said they had their Orders from the Coffee-House. [N. B. Kept by the before-mentioned Mr. Bradford.] Mr. Shoemaker then forbid them to proceed any further, and said he would go immediately to the Mayor and have them Committed; they answered, they could get the Mayor's Orders when they pleased. But Mr. Shoemaker could not find the Mayor, nor any Officer to assist him, and therefore was obliged to desist, lest he should draw the Mob upon himself and Family, and so have his House pulled down.

If some Rule and Order does not take Place in America, I am very sure that every Person who has been named to the Stamp-Office must leave North-America shortly, or they and their Families and Fortunes will fall a Sacrifice to the DELUDED POPULACE.

COMMON JUSTICE CALLS UPON ME TO SAY, THE BODY OF PEOPLE CALLED QUAKERS, SEEMED DISPOSED TO PAY Obedience TO THE STAMP ACT, and so do that Part of the Church of England and Baptists that are not some Way under Proprietary Influence. But Presbyterians and Proprietary Minions spare no Pains to engage the DUTCH and LOWER CLASS of People, and render the Royal Government odious, but at the same Time profess great Loyalty to the best of Kings, and yet insinuate, that his immediate Government is intolerable. If his Majesty and his Ministers knew the Pains taken by the Proprietary Partizans, to give a wrong Bias to the Minds of his Majesty's Subjects, I am confident they would not suffer the Powers of Government to remain Six Months in the Hands of any Proprietor on the Continent. Neither ought the Powers of Government to be lodged in any private Person, it being Disadvantageous to both his Majesty and Subjects.

I shall conclude with the following Observation, viz. That if Great Britain can or will suffer such Kind of CONDUCT in her Colonists TO PASS UNPUNISHED, a Man need not be a Prophet, nor the Son of a Prophet, to see clearly, that her Empire in North-America is at an End, for I dare say these Moblin, Gentry will immediately proceed to other Extravagancies, as they will then begin to think their united Power irresistible.

That God of his infinite Goodness may direct the Councils and Measures of his Majesty and his Ministers, to that which may be best for Great-Britain and North-America, is, and shall be the constant Prayer of,

Gentlemen,  
Your most obedient,  
And most humble Servant,  
JOHN HUGHES.

(No. 1.) Philadelphia, Sept. 17, 1765.

"As great Riots and Disturbances has happened in some of the Neighbouring Colonies, occasioned by a dislike the People have to the Stamp Act, and it being reported that the Stamped Papers, &c. for the Province, may be expected in a little Time, and as his Majesty's Revenue is deeply interested in the Preservation thereof, I think it my Duty to acquaint you, that notwithstanding of any Reports spread of my being named the Officer for this Province, that I have not received either Bond, Commission, nor any other Information whatever, of my Appointment from the Stamp Office or the Lords of the Treasury, and therefore I can have no Pretension whatever to take Charge of the Papers, should they Arrive. This Information I have thought necessary to give you, that you may take such Measures in the Premises, as you shall think consistent with your Duty and Judgment."

To the Honourable } I am, Sir,  
JOHN PENN, Esq; } Your most obedient,  
Lieut. Governor } Humble Servant,  
of Pennsylvania. } JOHN HUGHES.

S I R, (No. 2.)

"Mr. Dickenson is in Town, from London, and the Ship Charlotte is at New-Castle, and do not chuse to bring her up, till you give Orders about the Stamp-Papers, as she is a valuable Ship."

WILLIAM DOWELL.

I pray send an Answer per Bearer.  
To Mr. John Hughes.  
Philadelphia, 5 o'Clock, 2 Oct. 1765.

Mr. Dickenson,  
(No. 3.) "I received your kind Notice by Mr. Bradford, and for Answer am to inform you, that I have not received from the Lords of the Treasury, nor from any other Person appointed by his Majesty, any Commission or Public Infor-

mation of my being the Stamp-Officer for the Province of Pennsylvania; and therefore cannot pretend to any Right to take Charge of these Papers, nor should I, were they now at the Wharf. The Governor is the Officer of the Crown, whose Duty it is to preserve and secure those Papers, to him I refer you for Directions how to proceed in the Premises; and I make no Doubt but his Honour the Governor will take Care to see that the Papers are landed in a Place of Security, and there kept safe until some Person, properly Commissioned, shall appear to demand them.

Signed by Order of my Father,  
To Mr. Dickenson. Copy } JOHN HUGHES, junr.  
of a Letter sent by Mr. }  
Bradford's Son.

S I R, (No. 4.)

"I inclose you a Letter I received last Evening from Mr. William Dowell, by which I understand, that the Stamped Papers are arrived at New-Castle, in the Ship Charlotte; that the Owner of the Vessel does not Care to order his Ship into the Port while these Papers are on board, lest some Violence should be done to her; and as I have not the least Power from the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury, or any other Public Board, authorizing me to receive them, and as his Majesty's Revenue is intimately concerned in their Preservation, I thought it my Duty to give you this Information, that you might take such Measures therein as your Prudence should suggest."

I am, Sir, yours,

To JOHN PENN, Esq; JOHN HUGHES.  
(No. 5.)

"A great Number of the Citizens of Philadelphia, assembled at the State house, do demand of Mr. John Hughes, Distributor of Stamps for Pennsylvania, that he will give them Assurance under his Hand, that he will not execute that Office, and expect that he will give them a fair candid and direct Answer by Monday next, 10 o'Clock, when he will be waited on for that Purpose."

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 1765.  
(No. 6.) Philadelphia, Monday Morning, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1765.

"Whereas I was applied to on Saturday last, about Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, by the following Gentlemen, viz James Tilghman, Esq; Attorney at Law, Messrs. Robert Morris, Charles Thompson, Archibald McCall, John Cox, and William Richards, Merchants, Mr. William Bradford, Printer, who assured me they were sent by a great Number of People then assembled at the State-house, in order to request me to resign the Stamp Office; and, after some Conversation on the Subject, Mr. Robert Morris, and some others, declared, that it was not expected nor desired that my Resignation should be any other than, the not accepting the Office, and declining every Step or Measure that should tend to put the late Stamp-Act into Execution, until his Majesty's further Pleasure should be known, or until the Act should be generally carried into Execution in the Neighbouring Colonies; and if that should happen, I was then at Liberty to do as I thought proper; and whereas, about 6 o'Clock the same Evening, a Paper was sent me by some of the same Gentlemen, in Behalf, as I understand, of all those collected at the State house, as aforesaid, declaring, that a great Number of the Citizens of Philadelphia, assembled at the State-house, do demand of Mr. John Hughes, Distributor of Stamps for Pennsylvania, that he will give them Assurance, under his Hand, that he will not execute that Office, and expect that he will give them a fair, candid, and direct Answer by Monday next, at Ten o'Clock when he will be waited on for that Purpose."

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1765.

"I do therefore return for Answer, to those Gentlemen, and all their Associates, that I have not hitherto taken any Step tending to put the late Act of Parliament in Execution in this Province, and that I will not, either by Myself or Deputies, do any Act or Thing that shall have the least Tendency to put the said Act into Execution in this Province, until his Majesty's future Pleasure shall be known, or until the said Act shall be put into Execution in the Neighbouring Colonies; and this I am determined to abide by, unless either the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, shall call upon me to execute the said Act.

"And whereas my Commission includes the Three Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Suffex, upon Delaware, I do therefore hereby voluntarily inform the good People of these Counties, that no Act of mine shall, either directly or indirectly, involve them into any Difficulties with respect to the Stamp-Act, before the same shall take Place in the

Neighbouring Colonies, or until his Majesty's future Pleasure shall be known, or until the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, of those Counties, shall call upon me as aforesaid to execute the said Act."

(Copy.) JOHN HUGHES.  
(No. 7.) Philad. Monday Morning, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1765.

"Whereas about 6 o'Clock on Saturday Evening last, a Paper was sent to me, expressing that a great Number of the Citizens of Philadelphia, &c. [This Paper of Resignation was published verbatim, in the Pennsylvania Gazette, and Journal, of the 10<sup>th</sup> of October last; and in the Supplement to the Maryland Gazette, of the 17<sup>th</sup> of same Month.]

(No. 8.) Philad. Tuesday Morning, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1765.

S I R,

"I make no Doubt but you have heard that a great Number of People were collected at the State-House, on Saturday last, by causing muffled Drums to beat through the Streets of the City, and by ringing the State-house Bell muffled, and by directing all Enquirers to repair to the State-house for Information, and that after the People were collected, a Deputation was sent to me, demanding my Resignation of the Office of Chief Distributor of Stamps for this Province; and I am well informed, that great Numbers of the Ringleaders and Promoters of this Meeting, declared and vowed Destruction to my Person and Property, if I refused to gratify them in their Demands.

My Resignation is accordingly made, and I beg you will be so kind as inform me where the Stamps are deposited, that I may, by this Day's Post, inform the Lords of the Treasury, what Situation they are in; this you must know is my Duty to do, as the Stamps were consigned to me by their Lordships, and I have the Bill of Lading. But, as I am confined to my Bed, and also restrained by the People from executing my Office, it is not in my Power to know what is to be done in the Premises, I therefore pray your Answer by the Bearer, my Sen, which will oblige, Sir,

Your humble Servant,  
JOHN HUGHES.

To the Hon. John Penn, Esq;  
The Governor returned the following verbal Answer,

"Let Mr. Hughes know that the Stamps are on board the Man of War."

[Another Letter from this same GREAT JOHN HUGHES, together with some Pieces referred to by him, &c. we are obliged to postpone till next Week.]

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 11.

LAST Tuesday Died at his Plantation in Queen-Anne's County, Col. RICHARD TILGHMAN, the eldest Brother of a very respectable Family; for many Years Clerk of that County, and one of the Judges of the Provincial Court: A Gentleman deservedly rever'd and respected; and whose Character, as a kind and good Husband, Parent, Master, and Neighbour, was excell'd by few.

The same Day Died at his Plantation in Talbot County, Mr. JACOB HINDMAN, another worthy honest Gentleman, formerly a Representative for his County, and in other public Stations.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to grant a Reprieve for Henry Gregory, sentenced to Death for Burglary last Provincial Court.

At the Assizes in Baltimore County last Week, a Man was convicted of Horse-stealing, and received Sentence of Death.

Some very remarkable Causes, about 20, have been determined this Week, at our Assize Court. The Actions were brought by some Seamen, against the Master of a Guiney Ship, for Ill-usage, and Wages; and the Sailors got so much the Weather-gage of their Captain, and lay so far to windward of him, that they run him down, by Recovering very considerable Damages, their Wages, and Cofts of Suit, which amount to many Guineas, the Actions being first brought in the County Court, from thence remov'd to the Provincial, and from thence to the Assizes.

[This was A GUINEA VOYAGE indeed.]

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