

ricans be plundered and oppressed to the utmost extent that art and villainy can devise; this plunder, and this oppression; to procure submission, must be executed under the shadowy forms of the constitution, and in the pretended exercise of protecting the long departed rights of Englishmen—the Americans must still retain the name of freemen, though they be actually as ardent slaves as the majority of those who would now endeavour to make them so.

A correspondent remarks that the preamble of the Boston port bill supposes the most extraordinary supposition that ever entered into the contemplation of a deliberative body, by taking it for granted that no other method of putting a stop to the disturbances and commotions at Boston remained, but to prevent goods, merchandize, and wares, being landed there, or shipped from thence. One of the enacting clauses, no less curious than the preamble, subjects the unfortunate to heavy and severe penalties, for not in some instances reversing the general order of nature, by commanding the winds, the water and the weather; and another of the same impression has transferred the omnipotence of parliament, and lodged it in the first magistrate, empowering him to create and appoint any number of officers he pleases, for the collection of the parliamentary revenues; that is to say, ten, a hundred thousand, or a million.

A great deal has been said to prove the political supremacy of the mother country over the colonies, but scarcely a syllable to shew that in the execution of the power so justly contended for, it should be precisely and specifically restrained to certain modes of acting for the good of the whole, as well as its several constituent parts.

April 9. Yesterday all express arrived at the India-house, with an account of the plague which rages at Persia, by which one million of people have died; as likewise two hundred thousand at London.

#### ANNAPOLIS, June 9.

At a meeting of a considerable number of the magistrates, and other the most respectable inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, at Queen's-Town, on the thirtieth day of May, 1774; in order to deliberate upon the tendency and effect of the act of parliament for blocking up the port and harbour of Boston.

**D**ULY considering and deeply affected with the prospect of the unhappy situation of Great-Britain and British America, under any kind of division, this meeting think themselves obliged by all the ties which ever ought to preserve a firm union amongst Americans, as speedily as possible to make known their sentiments to their distressed brethren of Boston; and therefore publish to the world,

That they look upon the cause of Boston in its consequences to be the common cause of America.

That the act of parliament for blocking up the port and harbour of Boston, appears to them a cruel and oppressive invasion of their natural rights, as men, and constitutional rights as English subjects, and if not repealed, will be a foundation for the utter destruction of American freedom.

That all legal and constitutional means ought to be used by all America, for procuring a repeal of the said act of parliament.

That the only effectual means of obtaining such repeal, they are at present of opinion, is an association under the strongest ties, for breaking off all commercial connections with Great-Britain, until the said act of parliament be repealed, and the rights assumed by parliament for taxing America, in all cases whatsoever, be given up, and American freedom ascertained and settled upon a permanent constitutional foundation.

That the most practicable mode of forming such an effectual association, they conceive to be a general meeting of the gentlemen, who are already or shall be appointed committees to form an American intercourse and correspondence upon this most interested occasion.

That in the mean time they will form such particular associations as to them shall seem effectual; yet professing themselves ready to join in any reasonable general one that may be devised as aforesaid.

That these sentiments be immediately forwarded to be printed in the Maryland and Pennsylvania gazettes.

That Edward Tilghman, Solomon Wright, Turbut Wright, John Browne, Richard Tilghman Earle, James Hollyday, Thomas Wright, William Hemsley, Adam Gray, Clement Sewell, Richard Tilghman, James Kent, John Kerr, James Bordley, and William Bruff, be a committee of correspondence and intercourse, until some alteration is made in this appointment by a more general meeting.

Attested by  
JAMES EARLE, Clk. Com.

At a general meeting of the freeholders, gentlemen, merchants, tradesmen, and other inhabitants of Baltimore-county, held at the court-house, of the said county on Tuesday the 31st of May, 1774.

Capt. CHARLES RIDGELY, Chairman.

**R**ESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this meeting, that the town of Boston is now suffering in the common cause of America, and that it is the duty of every colony in America to unite in the most effectual means to obtain a repeal of the late act of parliament for blocking up the harbour of Boston.—Dissentient three.

**II.** That it is the opinion of this meeting, that if the colonies come into a joint resolution to stop importations from, and exportations to Great-Britain and the West-Indies, until the act for blocking up the harbour of Boston be repealed, the same may be the means of preserving North-America in her liberties.—Dissentient three.

**III.** That therefore the inhabitants of this county will join in an association with the several counties in this province and the principal colonies in America, to put a stop to exports to Great-Britain and the West-Indies, after the first day of October next, or such other day as may be agreed on, and to put a stop to the imports from Great-Britain after the first day of December next, or such other day as may be agreed upon,

until the said act shall be repealed, and that such association shall be upon oath.—Dissentient nine.

**IV.** Unanimously.—That it is the opinion of this meeting, that as the most effectual means of uniting all parts of this province in such association as proposed, a general congress of deputies from each county be held at Annapolis at such time as may be agreed upon; and that if agreeable to the sense of our sister colonies, delegates shall be appointed from this province to attend a general congress of delegates from the other colonies at such time and place as shall be agreed on; in order to settle and establish a general plan of conduct for the important purposes aforesaid-mentioned.

**V.** Unanimously.—That the inhabitants of this county will, and it is the opinion of this meeting, that this province ought to break off all trade and dealings with that colony, province or town, which shall decline or refuse to come into similar resolutions with a majority of the colonies.

**VI.** That Capt. Charles Ridgely, Charles Ridgely, son of John, Walter Tolley, jun. Thomas Cockey Dye, William Lux, Robert Alexander, Samuel Furviance, jun. John Moale, Andrew Buchanan, and George Rickett be a committee, to attend a general meeting at Annapolis. And that the same gentlemen, together with John Smith, Thomas Harrison, William Buchanan, Benjamin Nicholson, Thomas Collins, William Smith, James Gittings, Richard Moale, Jonathan Plowman, and William Spear, be a committee of correspondence to receive and answer all letters, and on any emergency, to call a general meeting, and that any six of the number, have power to act.

**VII.** That a copy of the proceedings be transmitted to the several counties of this province, directed to their committee of correspondence, and be also published in the Maryland gazette, to evince to all the world the sense they entertain of the invasion of their constitutional rights and liberties.

**VIII.** That the chairman be desired to return the thanks of this meeting to the gentlemen of the committee of correspondence from Annapolis, for their polite personal attendance in consequence of an invitation by the committee of correspondence for Baltimore-town.

Signed per order,  
WILLIAM LUX, Clk.

A numerous and very respectable meeting of the inhabitants of Kent county, in Maryland, was held at the court-house in Chester-Town, on Thursday the 2d of June, 1774, pursuant to public notice given for that purpose.

**T**HOMAS SMYTH, Esq; was unanimously chosen chairman, and after reading the act of parliament for blocking up the harbour of Boston, and sundry letters and papers received from the committee of correspondence at Annapolis, the following gentlemen were chosen to correspond with the committees of the other counties of this province; and of the colonies in general, viz. William Ringgold, (Eastern neck) Robert Buchanan, John Maxwell, Emory Sudler, Col. Richard Lloyd, Col. Joseph Nicholson, John Cadwalader, Joseph Nicholson, jun. Thomas Ringgold, Thomas B. Hands, Joseph Earle, Ezekiel Foreman, James Anderson, James Hynson, James Pearce, and Isaac Spencer, Esquires, and Messrs. William Carmichael, John Vorhees, Donaldson Yeates, William Ringgold, (Chester-town) Eleazer M'omb, Dr. John Scott, Jeremiah Nicols, Lr. William Bordley, and Capt. James Nicholson.

The gentlemen present then desired the committee to nominate a select number of their members to meet the committees from the different counties in one grand provincial committee at the city of Annapolis, on a day thereafter to be appointed, to deliberate on proper measures to be taken, in conjunction with the other colonies, in order to bring about a repeal of the above act of parliament, so destructive in its consequences to the liberties of America in general, and of the town of Boston in particular.

The following gentlemen were appointed for that purpose, viz. Mr. Chairman, William Ringgold, (Eastern Neck) Joseph Nicholson, jun. Thomas Ringgold, and Joseph Earle, Esquires, who were directed to use every means in their power to promote unanimity of councils, in order that a rational and well concerted plan may be laid down and prosecuted to attain the end proposed.

The gentlemen of the committee being moved with the most tender sympathy for the distresses of their suffering brethren of Boston, particularly of the labouring poor, who are deprived of the means of supporting themselves and families by the operation of the act for blocking up their harbour, opened a subscription for their relief, which in a little time was filled up to a considerable amount, and is left in the hands of the chairman to be collected and shipped to them in such articles of provisions as may be most wanted, whenever it shall be necessary.

The committee then adjourned to the house of Mr. Edward Worrell in the said town, where their future meetings are to be held.

Signed by order of the committee,  
WILLIAM HALL, Clk.

At a meeting of a very considerable and respectable body of the inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, inclusive of those of the city of Annapolis, on Saturday the 4th day of June, 1774.

Mr. Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, moderator.

**R**ESOLVED unanimously, that it is the opinion of this meeting, that the town of Boston is now suffering in the common cause of America, and that it is incumbent on every colony in America, to unite in effectual means to obtain a repeal of the late act of parliament for blocking up the harbour of Boston.

**II.** RESOLVED, that it is the opinion of this meeting, that if the colonies come into a joint resolution to stop all importations from, and exportations to Great-Britain, and the West-Indies, till the said act be repealed, the same will be the most effectual means to obtain a repeal of the said act, and preserve North-America and her liberties.

**III.** RESOLVED therefore unanimously, that the inhabitants of this county will join in an association with the several counties in this province, and the principal colonies in America, to put a stop to exports to Great-Britain, and the West-Indies, after the 9th day of October next, or such other day as may be agreed on, and to put a stop to the imports of goods, not already ordered; and of those ordered that shall not be shipped from Great-Britain by the 20th day of July next, or such other day as may be agreed on, until the said act shall be repealed, and that such association be on oath.

**IV.** RESOLVED, that as remittances can be made only from exports, after stopping the exports to Great-Britain, and the West-Indies, it will be impossible for very many of the people of this province who are possessed of valuable property, immediately to pay off their debts, and therefore it is the opinion of this meeting, the gentlemen of the law ought to bring no suit for the recovery of any debt, due from any inhabitant of this province, until the said act be repealed; and further, that they ought not to bring suit for the recovery of any debt, due to any inhabitant of this province, except in such cases where the debtor is guilty of a wilful delay in payment, having ability to pay, or is about to abscond or remove his effects, or is wasting his substance; or shall refuse to settle his account.

**V.** RESOLVED, that it is the opinion of this meeting, that a congress of deputies from the several counties to be held at Annapolis, as soon as convenient may be, will be the most speedy and effectual means of uniting all the parts of this province in such association as proposed; and that if agreeable to the sense of our sister colonies, delegates ought to be appointed from this province to attend a general congress of deputies from the other colonies, at such time and place as may be agreed on, to effect unity in a wise and prudent plan for the forementioned purpose.

**VI.** RESOLVED unanimously, that the inhabitants of this county will, and it is the opinion of this meeting, that the province ought to break off all trade and dealings with that colony, province, or town, which shall decline or refuse to come into similar resolutions with a majority of the colonies.

**VII.** RESOLVED, that Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Charles Carroll barrister, John Hall, William Paca, Samuel Chast, Thomas Johnson, jun. Matthias Hammond, Thomas Sprigg, Samuel Chew, John Weems, Thomas Dorsey, Rezin Hammond, John Hood, jun. be a committee to attend a general meeting at Annapolis; and of correspondence to receive and answer all letters, and on any emergency to call a general meeting; and that any six of the number have power to act.

ORDERED, that a copy of these resolves be transmitted to the committees of the several counties of this province, and be also published in the Maryland gazette.

By order,  
JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Com.

#### TO THE PRINTERS.

**T**HE protest in your paper of last week (by which the sense of this city is clearly fixt) has only been answered with impudent calumnies and silly comments, vented in the midst of tumult and confusion; it is almost needless to observe, that the said protest is addressed to the world, and challenges an appeal, in a form, as full and fair, to the same impartial tribunal. The whisper of the malignant will only serve to strengthen its foundation in the judgment of every candid man. The idle breath of declamation cannot affect it but in the opinion of the rash and weak of the narrow circle, to which it is confined; and the insanity of those who think it possible for THREATS to terrify freemen into a recantation of their avowed sentiments, excites more of our compassion than contempt.

A PROTESTER

Annapolis, June 7, 1774.

#### TO THE PRINTERS.

**T**HROUGH the channel of your paper, I beg to be suffered to inform the public, that I lately received such an insult from Mr. William Buchanan, jun. as entitled me to claim of him, the satisfaction due from gentleman to gentleman, that I did demand it, and that he refused to grant it to me in an evasive and cowardly manner.

HENRY THOMPSON

Baltimore, June 8, 1774.

#### CUSTOM-HOUSE ENTERED.

Sloop Dove, William Brook Cotton, from Carolina.  
Schooner Baltimore, Jonathan Clarke, from Island.  
Snow Adventure, Wharton Wilson, from New-ginia.  
Schooner Chatham, Benjamin Fleetwood, from St. Christophers.  
Snow Catharine, Nicholas Fortune, from Cork.  
Schooner Industry, William Woolsey, from New-ginia.  
Schooner Belvidera, John Waters, from St. Augustin.

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