

Will the British ministry are suffered with so high a hand to tyrannize over America, no part of it, we presume, can be negligent in guarding against the ravages threatened by the standing army now in Boston; these troops will undoubtedly be employed in attempts to defeat the association, which our enemies cannot but fear will eventually defeat them; and so sanguinary are those our enemies, as we have reason to think, so thirsty for the blood of this innocent people, who are only contending for their rights, that we should be guilty of the most unpardonable neglect should we not apprise you of your danger, which appears to us imminently great, and ought attentively to be guarded against. The improvement of the militia in general, in the art military, has been therefore thought necessary, and strongly recommended by this congress. We now think that particular care should be taken by the towns and districts in this colony, that each of the minute men not already provided therewith, should be immediately equipped with an effective fire-arm, bayonet, pouch, knapsack, thirty rounds of cartridges and ball, and that they be disciplined three times a week, and oftener as opportunity may offer, to encourage those our worthy countrymen to obtain the skill of complete soldiers, we recommend it to the towns and districts forthwith to pay their own minute men a reasonable consideration for their services.—And in case of a general muster, their farther service must be recompensed by the province.—an attention to discipline the militia in general is however by no means to be neglected.

With the utmost cheerfulness we assure you of our determination to stand or fall with the liberties of America; and while we humbly implore the sovereign disposer of all things, to whose divine providence the rights of his creatures cannot be indifferent, to correct the errors and alter the measures of an infatuated ministry, we cannot doubt of his support even in the extreme difficulties which we may all have to encounter.—May all means devised for our safety by the general congresses of America and assemblies or conventions of the colonies be resolutely executed, and happily succeeded; and may this injured people be reinstated in the full exercise of their rights, without the evils and devastations of a civil war.

Signed by order of the provincial congress,  
JOHN HANCOCK, president.

A true extract from the minutes,  
BENJAMIN LINCOLN, secretary.

In Provincial Congress, Cambridge, Dec. 6, 1774.

THE operation of the cruel and iniquitous Boston port-bill, that instrument of ministerial vengeance, having reduced our once happy capital, and the neighbouring town of Charlestown, from affluence and ease, to extreme distress; many of their inhabitants being deprived of even the means of procuring the necessities of life: From all which they have most nobly refused to purchase an exemption, by surrendering the rights of Americans. And although the charitable donations from the other colonies, and several towns in this province, have in good measure relieved their immediate necessities, while their approbation has animated them to persevere in patient sufferings for the public good; yet as the severity of winter is now approaching, which must add greatly to their misery; and there has been no general collection for them in this colony, we hold ourselves obliged in justice to contribute to their support, while they, under such a weight of oppression, are supporting our rights and privileges.

It is therefore resolved, that it be recommended to our constituents, the inhabitants of the other towns, districts and parishes within this province, that they farther contribute liberally to alleviate the burden of those persons who are the more immediate objects of ministerial resentment, and are suffering in the common cause of their country, seriously considering how much the liberty, and consequently the happiness of ourselves and posterity depend, under God, on the firmness and resolution of those worthy patriots.

And it is ordered, that Doctor Foster, Mr. Devens, and Mr. Cheever, be a committee to transmit printed copies of the above resolve to the ministers of the gospel in the several towns, districts, and parishes in this province, who are desired to read the same to their several congregations, in order that their contributions of such necessities of life as they can spare, may be forwarded as soon as possible. Signed by order of the provincial congress,

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NEWPORT (Rhode-Island) Dec. 12.

The general assembly have ordered 40,000 flints, 300 barrels of powder, 3 tons of lead, and 4 brass field-pieces, to be procured for the use of this colony. Last Friday and Saturday all the cannon belonging to Fort-George, except four, were carried to Providence, with the shot, &c. from whence they may easily be conveyed into the country, to meet the Indians and Canadians with which the colonies are threatened.

NEW-YORK, December 15.

Extract of a letter from New-Haven, Dec. 12.

"A gentleman just arrived from Quebec brings advice, that governor Carlton had attempted to raise a regiment of Canadians; that he first applied to the inhabitants, who to a man refused; that he then solicited the Indians, who all refused meddling in the matter, saying that they considered the dispute like the falling out between father and son."

We hear the letter of the general congress, to the inhabitants of Canada, had met with a very general and high approbation throughout that country, where a translation of it hath been published.

PHILADELPHIA

Extra of a letter from Savannah in Georgia, Dec. 9.

"Yesterday the inhabitants of Savannah met, and chose deputies to meet in provincial congress: the deputies of the several parishes and districts of this province to be chose before the 18th of next month, on which day they meet, and there is not the least doubt they will adopt every measure recommended by the congress, and firmly enter into the association: You may be assured they will on that day also elect deputies to meet the continental or general congress to be held in Philadelphia, on, or about the 10th day of May next. The spirit of opposition has subsided and most of the protesters against the former resolves, came to the poll and voted for delegates. Two of our back parishes, which made the most noise, are now come over to us; as the Carolina trade was ready to be stopped, it immediately lessened the value of Indian corn one third. When you consider our local situation, and the circumstance of having as many place-men and public officers, with their connections, as the largest and most populous government on the continent, and those with independent salaries from government, add to that the Indian war, with which the province was threatened, which is now settled, was a strong argument with many, why the opposition to government should not be made by us, as we had just applied home for troops: That difficulty being removed, there is not the least doubt but Georgia will appear among the foremost in support of civil and religious liberty. I have taken the liberty to give you a hint of what you may depend we shall do, (you being one of the committee.) I will take it as a particular favour, if you will interest yourself in behalf of the province, and do all in your power to let the brig return, not that I am one farthing interested in her any ways, but that the many virtuous among us will be sufferers, and the province lie under a reproach, which when experienced, may be a means to frustrate their good intentions. There is large donations of rice for the large sufferers in Boston, and had we the means of sending it to them with very little trouble, much more would be collected and sent: Few have subscribed less than ten tierces of rice. If no opportunity offers soon, directly to Boston, it will be sent to your committee to be disposed of for them.

ANNAPOLIS, January 5.

On Tuesday last, the freeholders and other freemen, residing in Severn hundred, in Anne-Arundel county, met, formed themselves into a company, and chose their officers, agreeable to a resolve of the late provincial convention, being fully persuaded that the plan of military force, for the defence of this province, as laid down by the late convention, well executed, will always be in time of general danger, a good and lasting resource.

Prince George's county, December 24, 1774.  
By the committee for the district of Bladensburgh.  
COL. JOSHUA BEALL, in the chair.

THOMAS WILLIAMS, clerk.

Were present,

Col. Joshua Beall, Capt. Thomas Gantt, Mr. Walter Williams, Mr. Abraham Boyd, Mr. Basil Waring the third, Mr. William Berry, Mr. Thomas Spriggs, jun. Mr. Thomas Williams.

THE ship Houlton, Capt. Robert M'Lish, having arrived in this province since the first instant, with the following packages and parcels of goods, viz.

- 2-bales of osnabrig,
- 1 bale of Irish sheeting,
- 1 truck of Irish linens,
- 2 casks of sauff,
- 2 casks of shoes,
- 1 box of felt hats,
- 10 boxes of candles,
- 4 boxes of soap,
- 12 casks of red and white port wines, containing 72 dozen,

The property of Mr. James Hoggan, merchant in Bladensburgh; and Mr. Hoggan requested the said goods should be sold, after public notice being given were sold under the directions of the committee, according to the tenth article of the association of the continental congress.

The prime cost of the above goods,	sterling.
Sold for	446 10 8
Profit for Boston,	448 6 8

THOMAS WILLIAMS, clerk committee.

St. Mary's county.

ON public notice being given for the gentlemen, freeholders, and others, of the said county to meet at the court-house, in Leonard-Town, on Friday the twenty-third day of December last.—Met agreeable to the said notification a considerable number of the most respectable inhabitants, when it being proposed that, for the more orderly and effectually carrying on the present business, it would be necessary to make choice of a chairman, as also to appoint a clerk to officiate for the day, Mr. Jeremiah Jordan was thereupon unanimously elected to the chair, and Timothy Bowes appointed clerk to the said meeting.

Mr. JEREMIAH JORDAN in the chair.  
Mr. TIMOTHY BOWES, clerk.

Several of the proceedings of the continental congress being read, as well as the late resolves of the provincial convention, which were unanimously approved of.—The chairman, addressing himself to those assembled, informed them, that the intent and design of the present convention, among many other things, was principally to make choice of a general committee for

the county—a committee of correspondence—a committee to meet, if necessary, the provincial committee, to be held at Annapolis on Monday the 24th day of April next, in order to carry into execution the association agreed on by the continental congress as well as the resolves of the late provincial congress. Upon which the following gentlemen were chosen a general committee for the county, to wit:—Mr. Caspian Barber, major Zachariah Bond, Mr. Caspian Thomas, Mr. William Hamerly, Mr. John Llewellyn, Mr. James Eden, Mr. Gerard Bond, Mr. John Llewellyn, jun. Mr. John Eden, jun. Mr. Willfred Neale, Mr. William Bond, Mr. Meveril Lock, Mr. Richard Bond, Dr. John Ireland, Mr. Cyrus Vowles, Mr. Richard Bond, Col. Abraham Barnes, Dr. Henry Reeder, Mr. John Barnes, Mr. Richard Barnes, Mr. Timothy Bowes, Mr. William Williams, Mr. John Fenwick, Mr. John De Butts, Mr. William Taylor, Mr. William Hebb, Mr. William Watts, Mr. George Gayther, Mr. Ignatius Combs, Mr. John M'Lean, Mr. John M'Call, Mr. Maffey Leigh, Mr. George Cook, Mr. James Adderton, Mr. Robert Armstrong, Mr. Benjamin Biscoe, Mr. Richard Clark, Mr. Edward Fenwick, Mr. Thomas Griffin, Mr. William Jenkins, jun. Mr. Nicholas Sewall, Mr. Nicholas L. Sewall, Mr. William Cavenough, Mr. Jenifer Taylor, Mr. Ignatius Taylor, Mr. Robert Watts, Mr. Henry Carroll, Mr. Hugh Hopewell, Mr. Hugh Hopewell, jun. Mr. John Abell, Mr. Edward Abell, jun. Mr. Peter Urquhart, Mr. John H. Read, Mr. Thomas Forrest, sen. Mr. Ignatius Fenwick, (Coles) Mr. John Smith, Patuxent, Mr. Enoch Fenwick, Mr. John Reeder, jun. Mr. Thomas A. Reeder, Mr. William Killgour, Mr. John H. Brome, Mr. William Bruce, Mr. Henry Tulman, Mr. Henry G. Sothoron, Mr. Robert Hammit, Mr. Herbert Blackston, Mr. John A. Thomas, Mr. Jeremiah Jordan, Mr. William Bayard, Mr. Joseph Williams, Mr. Samuel Abell, sen. Mr. Samuel Aell, jun.

A general committee for the county elected, the next step taken was making choice of a committee of correspondence, when the following gentlemen were chosen, with power for any three or more of them to act as occasion should require, to wit:—Col. Abraham Barnes, Mr. Richard Barnes, Timothy Bowes, Mr. Athanasius Ford, Dr. Henry Reeder, Mr. John De Butts, Mr. Jeremiah Jordan, Mr. John A. Thomas, Mr. John Black.

This business completed, a committee was chosen to meet the provincial committee, to be held at Annapolis, on Monday, the 24th day of April next, if necessary, when the following gentlemen were elected for that purpose, to wit:—Mr. Jeremiah Jordan, Mr. Richard Barnes, Mr. John Reeder, jun. Mr. John Barnes, Mr. John A. Thomas, Mr. John De Butts, Mr. Henry G. Sothoron.

Signed per TIMOTHY BOWES, clerk.

Capt. Martin, in the sloop Polly, from St. Christopher's, in lat. 30. 10. lon. 72. 34: spoke Capt. Robert Crawford, in the brig Sufanna, from London, bound to Charles-Town South-Carolina, 10 weeks out, all well. In lat. 32 40: lon. 73. 10: spoke Capt. Henry Dickenson, in the brig Mary and Hannah, from London, bound to Newburn, North-Carolina, with passengers on board, 6 weeks out, all well. And in lat. 35. 27: lon. 73. 43: spoke Capt. Bell in the schooner Polly, from St. Eustatia, bound for New-York 18 days out, all well.

CUSTOM-HOUSE ENTERED,

Ship Richmond, Thomas Hutchinson, Liverpool.  
Ship Emperor of Germany, John Richards, Bristol.  
Schooner Peggy, John Digges, Montserrat.  
Schooner Ninety Two, Nathaniel Cook, Salem.  
Schooner Adventure, Abraham Bartlett, Hispaniola.  
Brig Mary, John Cathrick, Barbados.  
Sloop Polly, John Martin, St. Christopher's.  
Schooner Sally and Polly, Nath. Freeman, St. Eustatia.  
Brig Hope, George Robinson, Dublin.  
Brig Molly, James Connory, Hull.

CLEARED,

Snow Betsey, William Waud, Lisbon.  
Schooner Four Sisters, Robert Brown, Virginia.  
Ship Prince George, James Bartholomew, Genoa.  
Schooner Sufanna, Amos Grandy, Salem.  
Brig Betney, John Fosse, Liverpool.  
Snow Penn, Sampson Harry, Lisbon.

WANTED,

TWO clerks in the prerogative office. Apply to ELIE VALLETTE, Reg.

Talbot county, December 24, 1774. WHEREAS the goods and chattels of James Barwick, John Ford, James Devereaux, Joseph Knowls, and Thomas M'Creon, now prisoners in the jail for the county aforesaid, are to be sold at public sale, on Tuesday the third day of January next, for the benefit of their creditors. All persons having any claims against either of the said men, are desired to bring them in, within thirty days after the third day of January next, that they may be adjusted, agreeable to an act of assembly, entitled an act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

THERE is at the plantation of Mrs. Rachel Hammond, Green Spring, a steer, about 5 or 6 years old, marked with a crop and slit and an under cut in the right ear, the left ear a short crop, his colour a red brindle. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away.

WILLIAM WELLING.

OST on Sunday night the bay, between the small sciff boat, well, outfiles and bottom and seats painted white a small spot burnt on the row-locks, four of which had fastened to her stem long, and a short piece of the wind being N. V. Whoever takes up to Mr. Richard Grafon Col. Edward Lloyd in scriber, shall have 40 shill.

THE subscriber having order all kinds of fire service to the public in flatters himself he shall who choose to employ skilled in farriery, and

be sold to the highest bid of February THREE parcels of land containing in the whole other tract with a very good three and 1/2 acre, lying miles above Bladensburgh to be sold, one negro, cattle and hogs; and with security.

N. B. The sale will be at

Mouth of Monocofy, Fred AN away, an indentured POWEL, born in New-six inches high, thin coat a white cotton waistcoat wooden buttons with ey waistcoat home-spun a ne kind of buttons above stockings, shoes with he is well acquainted Pennsylvania, having for part of the country, at at way. Whoever takes rant, so that I get him fillings, besides what the

Balt arrived in the schooner sey, master

PARCEL of healthy servants, amongst wape-maker, two house-carpenter, two bricklayers, shoemasters, one watch-makers, two barbers, and work; the women useful in sewing, whose indentures country produce, by the bafon, or

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