

John Murray being obliged to go to Elizabeth-town, to take an inventory of the goods, found the committee then sitting, and conceived to be his duty, as the goods were within their jurisdiction, to give them notice thereof, and to make a full acknowledgement to them; upon doing which, they took, with his consent, possession of the goods mentioned in the affidavit.

We will declare our readiness to re-ship the said goods as nearly as is now in our power, agreeable to the tenor of the association, or to do otherwise with them, as the committee of Elizabeth-town shall think proper to intimate or direct; and that we are also ready to give this committee any further satisfaction respecting the said goods, that they may recommend. Being desirous further to testify the sense we have of the imprudent measure we have taken, as well as our concern for the trouble and uneasiness it has given our fellow citizens, we would wish to make such further satisfaction to the public, as might be most agreeable to them; and therefore do hereby cheerfully engage to give the sum of two hundred pounds towards repairing the hospital in this city, lately destroyed by fire. We are, gentlemen, very respectfully, your sincere friends, ROBERT MURRAY, JOHN MURRAY, New-York, March 15, 1775.

The said sub-committee further report another letter from the committee of Elizabeth-town, enclosing an affidavit of Samuel Lee; which report being read,

Resolved, That this committee do approve thereof; and ordered, that the same be published agreeable to the directions of the 11th article of the association. By order of the committee, ISAAC LOW, chairman.

PHILADELPHIA.

In Assembly, Wednesday, March 8, A. M. 1775.

The house met pursuant to adjournment, when the order of the 25th of last month being read, they proceeded to the consideration of the governor's message, and after a debate of some length,

Ordered, that Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Mifflin, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Morton, Mr. Rofs, Mr. Swoope, Mr. Allen, Mr. Christ, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. William Thompson, be a committee to prepare and bring in a draught of an answer to the said message.

Thursday, March 9. The house resumed the consideration of the answer brought in last night to the governor's message, which was again read, when a member moving that the said answer be recommitted, a debate arose, and after some time spent therein, the question was carried for, and put by the speaker. Carried in the negative.

The house then proceeded in considering the said answer, which being debated by paragraphs, the question was put, whether the same shall be transcribed and sent to the governor? Carried in the affirmative.

Yeas, Mr. Gray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Hillegas, Mr. Mifflin, Mr. Charles Tomlin, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. John Jacobs, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Morton, Mr. Wayne, Mr. Rofs, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Swoope, Mr. Allen, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Christ, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. William Thompson.

Nays, Mr. Pauling, Mr. Israel Jacobs, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Brown, Mr. Foulle, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Wynkoop, Mr. Heany, Mr. Pennock, Mr. Webb, Mr. Ferree, and Mr. Slough.

The answer of the house to the governor's message being transcribed, according to order, was signed by the speaker, and follows in these words, viz.

May it please your honour,

We are sincerely obliged to your honour for your attentions to the true interests of the people over whom you preside, at a time when the disputes between Great Britain and the American colonies are drawing towards an alarming crisis; and we are, with you, that in all such cases wisdom dictates the use of such means as are most likely to attain the ends proposed.

We have, with deep concern beheld a system of colony administration pursued since the year 1763, destructive to the rights and liberties of his Majesty's most faithful subjects in America, and have heretofore adopted such measures as we thought were most likely to restore that affection and harmony between the parent state and the colonies, which it is the true interest of both countries to cultivate and maintain, and which we most sincerely wish to see restored.

We must inform your honour, that a most humble, dutiful, and affectionate petition, from the delegates of all the colonies from Nova-Scotia to Georgia, is now at the foot of the throne, and we trust in the paternal affection and justice of our most gracious sovereign, that he will interpose for the relief of his greatly distressed and ever faithful subjects in America.

We assure your honour, that this house will always pursue such measures, as shall appear to them necessary, for securing the liberties of America, and establishing peace, confidence, and harmony between Great Britain and her colonies.

Signed by order of the house, B. BIDDLE, Speaker. March 9, 1775.

Extract of a letter from Bristol, Jan. 5, 1775.

"We have no present prospect of matters being settled so as to admit of shipping goods this spring."

Another (Jan. 11) says, "Petitions to parliament are opened in most places; it is intended to form them in a decent, moderate stile; their contents will be chiefly mercantile affairs."

Extract of a letter from Bristol, dated Jan. 5, 1775.

The merchants and manufacturers of London and this city have petitioned parliament respecting American affairs; and it is expected they will be followed by all the manufacturing towns and capital sea-ports in Great Britain."

The paper of the 13th of January contains the letter of the congress to the agents, sent with the petition.

Extract of a letter from London, dated Jan. 5, 1775.

The commercial part of this city begin to feel a very sensible alarm; the firm and temperate proceedings of

the American congress; and many wise men entertain the most melancholy apprehensions at the prospect of approaching ruin to all the manufacturing towns in the kingdom. The merchants trading to America, have resolved to petition parliament; and on Tuesday the 14th India merchants were convened to consider of an application made to them from upwards of twenty respectable planters of Jamaica and the leeward islands, (among whom were Mr. Rose Fuller, and some other gentlemen who have always been considered as the firm friends of government) to concur with them in calling a general meeting, to deliberate on proper measures to be taken for their common preservation.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in England, dated Jan. 1.

"I have had the honour of being sent for by some of the first people in administration, who, to do them justice, seem now rather disposed to heal the wound than to keep it open. They only wish that some law could be drawn to the satisfaction of the people in this country, who cannot think of too great submission to the colonies, whom they consider as their children."

ANNAPOLIS.

Last Thursday Morning departed this Life, Mrs. ANNE CATHARINE GREEN, relict of the late Mr. JONAS GREEN, Printer to the Province; and on Friday Evening her Remains were decently interr'd in Saint Anne's church yard: she was of a mild and benevolent Disposition, and for conjugal Affection, and parental Tenderness, an Example to her Sex.

Extracts from the proceedings of the committee of observation at Baltimore, March 6, 1775.

Present 42 members.

CAPTAIN William Moat, of the brig Sally, from Bristol, appeared before the committee, and reported his cargo on oath, consisting of 100 tons of British salt, and twenty-four indented servants. The captain further reports, that he took in his salt before the 15th day of December, and on or about that day he fell down the river with his vessel, to a place called Rowland ferry, there to take in his servants; that he continued there until the 23d, and sailed from King-Road the 24th of December.

On motion made by doctor John Stevenson, to whom captain Moat's vessel and cargo were addressed, that he might have liberty to land the said cargo of salt; alleging it ought only to be considered as ballast, and was not intended to be prohibited by the association of the continental congress.

The committee took into consideration the state of the said brig Sally, captain William Moat.

Resolved unanimously, That the salt imported in the said brig, be not landed.

At a meeting of the committee of observation at Baltimore, the 15th of March, 1775.

Present 48 Members.

CAPTAIN Henry Tickle, of the brig Henry and Joseph, from Liverpool, addressed to Mr. George Woolsey, appeared, and reported on oath his cargo, consisting of 513 bushels of British salt, six half crates of earthen ware, and one hhd of rum for ship stores; and further made oath, "that he had not broken bulk, or landed any part of his cargo since his arrival in this province."

Captain George Woolsey, the consignee of the aforesaid vessel, made oath, that he hath not, nor hath any person by his order, or with his privity or consent, unladen, or taken out any part of the cargo imported in said vessel since her arrival.

Ordered, That notice be given to doctor John Stevenson, that the committee requests his attendance, with captain William Moat, of the brig Sally, at 2 o'clock. P. M.

The committee proceeded to consider the state of the brig Henry and Joseph, and of the cargo imported in the same.

Resolved unanimously, That the said cargo be not landed.

Upon application made by captain Woolsey to the committee, for leave to re-ship the cargo of the brig Henry and Joseph; and on captain Woolsey, his engaging, that the said cargo shall not be landed in any part of North-America, between Nova-Scotia and Georgia; and on his further engagement, that the master of the vessel in which the said cargo is to be re-shipped, shall engage on oath, that he will not (unless compelled so to do by stress of weather,) land the same within the parts before limited; and that he will produce a certificate from the place where the said cargo shall be landed, of the landing of the same.

Resolved, That leave be given agreeable to the above.

Doctor John Stevenson, with captain William Moat, attending agreeable to notice.

The chairman acquainted them, that information was made to the committee, that the cargo of salt imported in the brig Sally, or part thereof, had been unladen, contrary to the resolution of the committee made the 9th instant.

Doctor Stevenson declared, that apprehending the resolution entered into by the committee on the 6th instant, did not prohibit him from shipping the salt to any other part of this province, or Virginia; he had in consequence of such opinion, shipped a quantity on board four bay craft, to be disposed of for his account; that no part of the said salt had been landed in Baltimore county; that he will deliver into the committee the names of the skippers of the several craft, and will return an account of the proceeds of the salt, and the same will freely give for the relief of the poor of Boston; and that the remainder of the salt now on board the said brig, shall not be landed in any part of America, between Nova-Scotia and Georgia. And captain William Moat, having declared on oath, that the remainder of the salt now on board the brig, shall not be landed within the limits aforesaid.

Resolved by the committee, that the said apology be accepted.

Information being made to the committee, that many misrepresentations of the proceedings of the continental congress, had been made, with a view to lessen

the influence, which the association of said, entered into, and recommended by them justly merited, and had almost universally obtained, and it appearing to the committee, that such misrepresentations are made by artful, designing, and wicked men, to divide the people, and defeat the measures now wisely pursued for the preservation of American liberty,

Resolved unanimously, That it is the duty of this committee, and of every member thereof, and that we will collectively and severally persevere, to carry strictly into execution, the association of the continental congress, and enforce an observance of the same; and that any attempt to defeat such purpose, will with its author, be exposed to the public.

The congress, by the third article of the association, having recommended the disuse of all East-India tea, the committee request, that their constituents, in their several families, will strictly adhere to this resolution, and however difficult the disuse of any article, which custom has rendered familiar, and to which almost necessary may be, yet they are induced to hope the said diet will cheerfully acquiesce in this resolution, and thereby evince to the world, a love to their friends, posterity, and country.

A very extraordinary arrangement having been lately made in the magistracy of this county, the committee reflecting on the conclusions which may probably be drawn from it in distant places, to the disadvantage of the gentlemen superceded; cheerfully embrace the opportunity afforded by the present meeting, to testify in favour of their conduct while they were in office. From personal acquaintance we know them to have been irreproachable in private, faithful, and impartial in public life; and therefore entitled to the thanks of the whole county, for the conscientious discharge of the trust reposed in them.

Resolved therefore, unanimously, That this committee ought, and we hereby do, in our own names, and in the names of our constituents, sincerely thank the worthy gentlemen, whose abrupt dismissal, with all the circumstances attending it, does them the greatest honour. They return to a private station with the general approbation of the county, and the gratifying satisfaction of having honourably acquitted themselves of their obligations during their continuance in office. Their dismissal is a real loss; it is the most to be regretted, as from the manner of it, we can hardly expect that any of equal worth and abilities will hereafter be prevailed on, to undertake the troublesome unprofitable employment, now rendered tasteless to men of independent spirit and friends, and evidently exposing them to unmerited insult.

Signed, CHARLES RIDGELY, chairman.

A true copy from the minutes, ROBERT ALEXANDER, secy. pro temp.

CUSTOM-HOUSE.

CLEARED.

Ship Liberty, Charles Thompson, from Gibraltar, Schooner Patteny, John Carpenter, from Virginia.

CLEARED.

Ship Isabella, John Delatour, for Bristol, Brig Sally, William Moat, for Bristol.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform his customers and the public, that he shall continue a publication of this GAZETTE, and therefore takes the earliest opportunity of soliciting their favour and patronage; he has only to declare, that impartiality, candour, and secrecy, shall govern his conduct, and hopes, by diligence and application, to make it instructive and entertaining to his readers.—All pieces of a public nature, which may merit attention, and be thought conducive to the welfare and happiness of the community, will be thankfully received, and inserted gratis, by

17 The Public's most humble servant, FREDERICK GREEN.

Annapolis, March 29, 1775.

THE gentlemen of the committee of this county, are desired to meet at the house of Isaac M'Hard, on Monday the 10th of April next, to choose deputies to attend the general convention, which is to be held the 24th day of the same month.

N. B. Fifty at least must attend. Signed per order of the committee, ISAAC M'HARD, clerk.

WHEREAS I have been informed by a letter from England, of a parcel of books shipped for my use from Dublin, some time in June or July last; and as they have not come to hand (as I suppose) from my being a stranger in this province; I take this method, therefore, to inform any gentleman into whose hands they may possibly have fallen, that they will much oblige me if they inform Mr. Stephen West, or Mr. Richard Ports, in Annapolis, either by letter or any other convenient way, who will be security for any charges they may be liable to. The duty of which will be only an act of justice to their former servant, THOMAS LLOYD.

N. B. I think Baltimore the most likely place to find them to have come to. A. O. 75.

WHEREAS I purchased of Agnes Walks of the province of Maryland, a lot containing half of an acre in the town of Staunton, with a wood lot of 20 acres belonging to the same, for the consideration of fifty-two pounds ten shillings, current money of Virginia; for the payment of which sum, I together with Mr. Felix Gilbert, entered into a bond, payable to the said Agnes some time in the month of March next; and whereas since the said purchase was made, I have received notice from a certain Samuel Gay, that he has a prior title to the said lot and land, and obliging me to make any improvement on the said lot. These are therefore to forewarn all persons from taking an assignment on the said bond, as I am determined not to pay the same until the matter respecting the title is cleared up, or until this Agnes Walks do enter into bond, together with good security, in the penal sum of one thousand pounds for the security of the said title; as I purpose building a merchant mill on the other side of the river, from under my hand this 24th day of February, 1775. SAMUEL MATTHEWS.

By my Attorney, King.