

the Riot, we shall not appear to act with Zeal, or even in earnest, on this Occasion, which may have a very bad Influence upon the public Interest and Affairs of the Province. Depend upon it, an Endeavour to bust this Matter up will make it more scandalous, and transfer the Blame from one Town upon the whole Govern- ment.

I bear the Fury of the Mob subsided last Night: But I shall by no means think the King's Peace secur'd, or that the Militia of the Town of Boston have done the least Part of their Duty, 'til I see a strong military Watch kept for some Nights in the Town; and it is surprizing to me that they have not yet obeyed that Part of the Order given 'em.

I will look out the Warrant for apprixing the Massachusetts Frigate, but am now in the utmost haste, as you may perceive by this legible Scrawl.

B. pleas'd to communicate what Part of this you think proper, to the Council and Committee; as also the inclos'd Extra't to the two Houses; and be assured that I am with Truth and Esteem, Sir, Your most humble Servant,
W. SHIRLEY.

ON the 17th of November, being the Day on which the Riot began, a Committee of the Council and House of Representatives, was appointed to enquire into the Imprets which had been made of the Inhabitants of the Province, and the Disorders consequent thereon in the Town of Boston; and on the 19th of November, before the Committee had made a Report, the House of Representatives pass'd the following Resolves, and appointed a Committee, who on the same Day waited upon the Governor at Capt. William, with a Copy thereof, viz.

*Province of the } In the House of Representatives, No-
Massachusetts-Bay, } vember 19. 1747.*

Resolv'd, That there has been, and still continues, a tumultuous, riotous Assembling of armed Seamen, Servants, and others, in the Town of Boston, tending to the Destruction of all Government and Order.

Resolv'd, That there has been the most audacious Insult offer'd by the aforesaid riotous Assembly, to his Excellency the Governor, His Majesty's Council, and many of the Members of this House.

Resolv'd, That it is incumbent on the civil and military Officers in the Province, to exert themselves to the utmost, to discourage and suppress all such tumultuous, riotous Proceedings whatsoever they may happen.

Resolv'd, That this House will stand by and support, with their Lives and Estates, his Excellency the Governor, and the executive Part of the Government, in all Endeavours for this Purpose.

Resolv'd, That this House will exert themselves by all Ways and Means possible, in redressing such Grievances as His Majesty's Subjects are and have been under, which may have been the Cause of the aforesaid tumultuous, disorderly Assembling together.

T. Hutchinson, Speaker.

Also the same Day the following Votes were pass'd by the Council, and concurr'd by the House of Representatives, viz.

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TH E Board taking into Consideration the dangerous Insurrection of Seamen and others; within the Town of Boston, who have in a most outrageous Manner insulted his Excellency the Governor in the Province House, and the whole General Court while sitting in the Court House, and done other Acts of Outrage and Violence; and apprehending that some proper Methods should immediately be taken for suppressing the said Insurrection;

Voted, That Samuel Welles, John Chandler, Samuel Watts, and Andrew Oliver, Esqrs. with such as the Honourable House shall join, be a Committee to consider what may be proper for this Court to do on this Exigency; and Report as soon as may be.

Sent down for Concurrence, J. Willard, Secy.

In the House of Representatives, Nov. 19. 1747. Read and concurr'd; and Capt. Patridge, Major White, Mr. Brewer, Major Lawrence, and Mr. Frost, are joined in the Affair.

T. Hutchinson, Speaker.

Copy examined, per J. Willard, Secy.

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WH E R E A S this Board are informed that Capt. Erskine, of His Majesty's Ship Canterbury, is under Confinement at the House of Col. Brinley at Roxbury, upon his Parole given to divers People unknown.

Ordered, That the said Capt. Erskine, and all other Officers belonging to the Squadron under the Command of Commodore

Knowles, restrained as aforesaid, be forthwith set at Liberty, and protected by this Government, that so they may return to their respective Stations.

Sent down for Concurrence, J. Willard; Secy.

In the House of Representatives, Nov. 19. 1747. Read and concurr'd.

T. Hutchinson; Speaker.

Copy examined, per J. Willard, Secy.

And on the same Day at Night a strong military Watch was kept in the Town, and the Riot suppress'd:

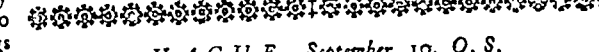
At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified, and lawfully warned in public Town-Meeting, assembled on Friday the twentieth Day of November, Anno Dom. 1747.

IT being represent'd that the Town had been cherg'd, or the Generality of the Inhabitants; who by abetting or encouraging the late tumultuous riotous Assembly, who insulted his Excellency the Governor and the other Branches of the Legislature, and committed many other heinous Offences;

Resolv'd, as the unanimous Opinion of the Town in this large Meeting of the Inhabitants, That the said riotous tumultuous Assembly, consisted of foreign Seamen, Servants, Negroes, and other Persons of mean and vile Condition, That this Town have the utmost Abhorrence of all such illegal and criminal Proceedings, and will to their utmost discountenance and suppress the same, and will at the same time encourage by all Ways and Means whatsoever, the said Inhabitants, in making a regular and orderly Application to the proper Power; for redressing all and every Grievance which the Town is under, from the Impressing of their Inhabitants on board His Majesty's Ships of War, and which may have occasion'd the said tumultuous disorderly Proceeding.

Also unanimously Voted, That the Town Clerk prepare a fair Copy of this Vote or Resolution of the Town, and that the Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esq; the Moderator of this Meeting, and the Select Men of the Town, be, and he be they are appoint'd a Committee to wait upon his Excellency Governor SHIRLEY, the Honourable His Majesty's Council, and Honourable House of Representatives, and in the Name of the Town present them with the same.

Attest, Ezek. Goddthwait, Town-Clerk!



H A G U E, September 10. O. S.

O U R lords the states of the province opened yesterday their ordinary sessions of their assembly, at which the most serene stadtholder assisted, as well as this day. All that we know of the state of affairs at Bergen-op-Zoom, is, that the enemy had attempted nothing new, that they have plundered the city, and that all possible precaution is taken at Steenberg and Breda, to hinder their penetrating farther; the same is done at Tholen.

N E W Y O R K, January 19.

Extra't of a Letter from Madeira, datid December 5.

The Deal Castle man of war arrived here about ten Days ago, with advice that Admiral Boscawen was to follow soon, and touch here with ten men of war (6 of the line) and ten or twelve Indiamen, bound to India. They carry a train of artillery, and 1500 soldiers, and will doubtless drive the French out of Indis; where, by the last advice, Admiral Griffin had rais'd the siege of St. David's, and was gone to besiege Pondicherry; the principal settlement of the French.

By the same way, we have advice, that the Lime man of war, of 30 guns, is founder'd in the bay of Biscay, and but 20 of her men saved, by a French merchantmen. The same gale of wind carried away all the Suffolk's masts, a 70 gun ship, but she is since got safe into Portsmouth.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, January 26.

From Barbados there is Advice, that of the eighteen Martinico Men lately sent in there by the Men of War and Privateers, six of them were taken by Capt. Frankland in the Dragon.

A N N A P O L I S,

About three Weeks ago, a Schooner load-ed with Iron, going from Patapsco to West River, was forced, by the Violence of the Wind, over to the Eastern Shore, and struck near Swan Point, in about 4 or 5 Feet Water, where she soon bit'd. The People on board her, being one white Man, and two Negroes, got on the Quarter Deck; but the Water beating over them, and the Weather extram cold, the two Negroes perish'd there; in one another's Arms; which the white Man perceiving, jump'd overboard, and waded towards the shore, where he was met by some People, and taken up, but almost dead.