

and supplication, humbly and devoutly implore the blessing, support, and protection of Almighty God, for the preservation of the rights and liberties of America, and the restoration of peace, union, and happiness to the British empire.

This Convention, taking into consideration, that the time proposed for the meeting of the next Continental Congress is near at hand, and that it is highly expedient, that the delegates of this province should attend the said Congress as early in their session as may be, where the state of the city and colony of New-York, as well as the circumstances of the other colonies and provinces, may be best known, and measures for the security of the city and colony of New-York, as well as the safety of all British America, be best concerted and provided for. And whereas it is now altogether uncertain when an answer may be received to the letter sent on Saturday last to the committee of correspondence in the city of Philadelphia, and it being necessary that the members of this Convention should return to their respective counties; it is therefore RESOLVED, That this Convention do now rise.—And it is recommended to such of the counties in this province, where it may be necessary, forthwith to make choice of deputies to represent them in a Provincial Convention, to be held in the city of Annapolis, on Monday the 22d of May, unless an earlier or later day should be appointed by the delegates of this province, or any three of them, appointed to attend the Continental Congress.

The following were received by return of the express sent by the Provincial Convention to the committee of correspondence for Philadelphia.

Gentlemen,

Philadelphia, May 1, 1775.

WE have duly received your favour of the 29th ult. As the accounts from New-York were not handed to this committee through a channel that gave us the satisfaction we could wish; and as they were very important, we thought proper immediately to dispatch some of our members to that place, in order that they might, on the spot, learn the true situation of affairs there, and what the inhabitants of New-York expect from the southern colonies. On their return, or on the receipt of any certain intelligence, we shall immediately communicate the particulars to you.

In mean time we have to inform you, that, upon the receipt of the late intelligence, this city and county immediately took the alarm, and are arming and forming with all possible expedition; and, by accounts from the other counties in this province, the same spirit prevails every where; and we hope, in a short time, we shall be in a condition to unite our efforts with the rest of the colonies.

Inclosed we send you a letter from Newport, Rhode-Island, which contains a particular account of the situation of affairs to the eastward, together with some important intelligence.

By order of the committee,

JOHN NIXON, chairman.

To Matthew Tilghman, Esq; Chairman of the Provincial Convention
of the province of Maryland, now sitting at Annapolis.

Gentlemen,

Newport, April 25, 1775.

YOU have, without doubt, before this time, heard of the bloody, savage massacre of a number of the inhabitants of Lexington, a town about 12 miles north-west from Boston, perpetrated by a detachment of about 1200 of the king's troops, and what ensued thereon. We inclose you two accounts, which may be more particular than any you have yet received: The one was brought us by a gentleman who left Cambridge on Thursday last in the forenoon, and is contained in the hand-bill; the other is in the news-paper. Since we received these accounts, we have been credibly informed,