

His Excellency the Governor thought fit, on the 17th, to dissolve the Assembly. However discouraging this Reprehension may be, yet we hope, that our Loyalty and Affection to his Majesty, our regard to the true Interest of our Mother-Country, and our Inclinations to terminate the unhappy Dispute, will be made manifest, and will, in the End, depose our factious Sovereign, and procure to his injured People, the Redress they most humbly ask for.

I am, with the greatest Respect,
Your most obedient servant,
PEYTON RANDOLPH.

And the Resolves therein as follow :

T U E S D A Y the 16th of MAY, 9th GEORGE III. 1769.

MR. Blair reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom it was referred to consider of the present State of the Colony, that they had come to several Resolutions, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, viz.

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sole Right of imposing Taxes on the Inhabitants of this his Majesty's Colony and Dominion of Virginia, is now, and ever hath been legally and constitutionally vested in the House of Burgesses, lawfully convened, according to the ancient and established Practice, with the Consent of the Council, and of his Majesty the King of Great-Britain, or his Governor, for the Time being.

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this Colony, to petition their Sovereign for Redress of Grievances; and that it is lawful and expedient to procure the Concurrence of his Majesty's other Colonies, in dutiful Addresses, praying the Royal Interposition in Favour of the violated Rights of America.

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all Trials for Treason, Misprision of Treason, or for any Felony or Crime whatsoever, committed and done in his Majesty's said Colony and Dominion, by any Person or Persons residing therein, ought of Right to be had and conducted in and before his Majesty's Courts held within the said Colony, according to the fixed and known Course of Proceedings; and that the seizing any Person or Persons residing in this Colony, suspected of any Crime whatsoever, committed therein, and sending such Person or Persons to Places beyond the Sea to be tried, is highly derogatory of the Rights of British Subjects, as thereby the inestimable Privilege of being tried by a Jury from the Vicinage, as well as the Liberty of summoning and producing Witnesses on such Trial, will be taken away from the Party accused.

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble, dutiful, and loyal Address, be presented to his Majesty, to assure him of our inviolable Attachment to his sacred Person and Government, and to beseech his Royal Interposition, as the Father of all his People, however remote from the Seat of his Empire, to quiet the Minds of his loyal Subjects of this Colony, and to avert from them those Dangers and Miseries which will ensue from the seizing and carrying beyond Sea any Persons residing in America, suspected of any Crime whatsoever, to be tried in any other Manner than by the ancient and long established Course of Proceeding.

The said Resolutions being severally read a Second Time, RESOLVED, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

ORDERED, That the Speaker of this House do transmit, without Delay, to the Speakers of the several Houses of Assembly on this Continent, a Copy of the Resolutions now agreed to by this House, requesting their Concurrence therein.

A true Copy, extracted from the Journals of the House of Burgesses. G. WYTHE, C. H. B.

ORDERED, That the said Letter and Resolves be read.

ORDERED, That the said Letter and Resolves be taken into Consideration To-morrow Morning, at the Sitting of the House.

The House adjourns 'til To-morrow Morning IX o'Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, DECEMBER 20.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all appeared as on Yesterday, except Mr. Chafe and Mr. Worthington. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Extract of a Letter from *Hullough*.

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