

*Extract of a Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough, dated May 13, 1769.*

“**B**UT I can take upon me to assure you, notwithstanding Insinuations to the contrary, from Men with factious and tedious Views, that his Majesty's present Administration have at no Time entertained a Design to propose to Parliament to lay any further Taxes on *America* for the Purpose of raising a Revenue, and that it is not present their Intention to propose, in the next Session of Parliament, to take off the Duties upon Glass, Paper, and Cloves, upon Consideration of such Duties having been laid contrary to the said Principles of Commerce.

“These, Sir, have always been, and still are the Sentiments of his Majesty's present Servants, and the Principles by which their Conduct, in Respect to *America*, has been directed, and his Majesty relies on your Prudence and Fidelity, for such an Execution of his Measures as may tend to remove the Prejudices which have been excited by the Misapprehensions of those who are Enemies to the Peace and Prosperity of *Great-Britain* and her Colonies, and to re-establish that mutual Confidence and Affection upon which the Glory and Safety of the *British* Empire depend.

*I am, SIR, your most obedient humble Servant,*

*(Signed)*

HILLSBOROUGH.

Which was read and referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

Upon reading the Second Time, and maturely considering the Letter from the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of *Virginia*, and the Resolves therein mentioned, RESOLVED, That this House doth unanimously concur with the House of Burgesses in *Virginia* in the said Resolutions.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the Representatives of the Freemen of this Province, in their legislative Capacity, with the Assent of the other Part of the Legislature, have the sole Right to lay Taxes and Impositions on the Inhabitants of this Province, or their Property and Effects; and that the laying, imposing, levying, or collecting any Tax on or from the Inhabitants of *Maryland*, under Colour of any other Authority, is unconstitutional, and a direct Violation of the Rights of the Freemen of this Province.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this Province, to petition their Sovereign for the Reliefs 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 UNANIMOUSLY, That all Trials for Treason, Misprision of Treason, or for any Felony or Crime whatever, committed and done in this Province, ought of Right to be had and conducted in and before the Courts of Law held within this Province, according to the fixed and known Course of proceeding; and that the seizing any Person or Persons, suspected of any Crime whatever, committed in this Province, 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.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do write to *Peyton Randolph*, Esq; Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the Dominion of *Virginia*, and acquaint him, that this House hath unanimously concurred with the House of Burgesses in *Virginia* in their said Resolutions.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do write Letters to the Speakers of the several other Houses of Representatives in the *British* Colonies upon this Continent, informing them of the Resolutions of this House, and desiring their Concurrence therewith.

ORDERED, That the Resolves of this House be immediately, after the End of this Session, printed in the *Maryland Gazette*.

The engrossed Bills, entitled, *An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Abuses of concealing convicted Felons, and other Offenders, imported into this Province, and for the better Discovery of them.* And,

*An Act for preventing the Evil occasioned by the Continuance of Suits at Law on Sugession of Want of Evidence from beyond Sea,* were severally read and assented to, and sent, with the Paper-Bills thereof, to the Upper House, by Mr. *Mackall* and Mr. *Wootton*.

Mr. *M. Tilghman* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, the following Address:

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

FREDERICK, LORD BALTIMORE,

Lord Proprietary of the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your LORDSHIP,  
WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of *Maryland*, in General Assembly convened, heartily thank your Lordship for your kind Message delivered to us by our new Governor. How justly his Predecessor, Mr. *Sharpe*, may have  
entitled