

or otherwise; That no quantity of the said Articles, more than are necessary for the use of the Inhabitants be brought to collected or stored in the Towns or other places upon or near the navigable waters; that the respective County Committees be directed to take care that this Resolved be effectually carried into execution; and that all contracts made for the sale and delivery of any such Articles for Exportation between this time and the 10th day of September next be considered as null and void.

In Convention July 24. 1775

Resolved; That no Flour, wheat or other Grain, or provisions of any kind be exported from this Colony to any part of the World from and after the 5th day of August next, until the Convention or Assembly, or the honorable the Continental Congress, shall order otherwise; That no quantities of the said Articles, more than are necessary for the use of the Inhabitants be brought to, collected or stored in the Towns or other places upon or near the navigable waters; that the respective County Committees be directed to take care that this Resolved be effectually carried into Execution; and that all contracts made for the sale & delivery of any such articles for Exportation between this time and the tenth day of September next be considered as null and void.

Peyton Randolph Presid^t

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Petition of Archibald Campbell & William Selburn

To the Honorable Provincial Convention.

The petition of Archibald Campbell, and William Selburn humbly sheweth.

That your Petitioners have unadvisedly fallen under the censure of the Committee of St. Marys County for a supposed breach of the Resolves of the late Provincial Convention; which censure they apprehend was grounded on a misconception of the Letter and Spirit of the prescribed Regulations, and therefore beg leave to submit the same together with a Copy of the proceedings of the aforesaid Committee to the Consideration of the Honorable Convention.

They beg leave to represent that for a considerable time past they have been engaged in all other mercantile transactions, the first as Factors for John Glasford and Company, and the other for James Buchanan and Company at their respective Stores on Potomack River, which concerns have chiefly related to sending of Goods for Tobacco, and Shipping the same to their Principals in Great Britain; that many Persons have constantly dealt at their several Stores on Credit, and have been supplied with such Commodities as they imported for sale; in return for which they have received Tobacco payments, and applied the same in loading such Vessels as were consigned to them by their Constituents. They further represent that in this Commercial Interest their usual Customers have always relied on them to supply their exigencies, and that Justice and Gratitude prompted them not to abuse the confidence reposed in them by disposing of their Effects to others, in prejudice of those with whom they constantly traded. That their conduct in this respect is not singular, but conformable to the general practice of those who are engaged in similar traffick, cannot be denied, and they are induced to think that a mature Consideration will not be deemed an infraction of the said Resolves which they are anxious to observe, but justifiable on every principle of reason & justice.