

what in the first Place we think ought to be agreed to as the Basis of our Union, and to be standing Rules.

VIII. ANOTHER Thing we think Essential to our Constitution, if we hope to reap the Fruits intended by our thus Associating our selves, is, That whoever of our Number, will not come into this Agreement, or hereafter acts contrary to what he has agreed to, or has been agreed upon by such a Majority as aforesaid, that such Person be esteemed none of our Body: And that the Majority, who we wish to keep together, notwithstanding One or a Few may take their own Courses; may, if they think proper, acquaint our Principals in *Virginia* and *Maryland*, in a publick Manner, of such Person or Persons acting contrary to what was judged by the Majority to be for the common Interest of the Trade, and of our Principals.

AND that all Rules, Agreements, and Constitutions, may be copied fair in our Book; and every Merchant sign the same, as asserting and consenting thereto; and promising to keep the same faithfully.

THUS much we thought proper to Report to you, to lay a firm and reasonable Foundation of a friendly Society.

WHEN that Foundation is once laid, we think it will be then, and not till then, a proper Time to proceed to other Considerations.

London, March 19, 1727-8.

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*Edward Randolph.*  
*Humphry Bell.*  
*Robert Cruickshanks.*  
*Samuel Hyde.*  
*John Falconar.*

*Jeremiah Quare.*  
*Joseph Adams.*  
*James Bradley.*  
*Thomas Hyams.*  
*William Hunt.*  
*John Hanbury.*