

as you'll find the Address, &c. Signed only by Members from Six of those Colonies, it may be proper to acquaint you with the Reasons why they did not all Sign, tho' they all concurr'd with the Proceedings.

The Lieutenant Governor of *New-York* Prorogued their Assembly from Time to Time, so that their House had not an Opportunity of appointing Members with full Powers to join, and Sign the Address, &c. Yet the Assembly of *New-York*, having at their last Meeting, appointed Five of their Members as a Committee, not only to Correspond with their Agent at Home, but also during the Recess of the House, to write to, and correspond with, the several Assemblies, or Committees of Assemblies on this Continent, on the subject Matter of the several late Acts of Parliament, so Grievous and Dangerous to their Colonies, it was thought proper to admit this Committee to join in the Conferences, and they agreed to what was done, and promised to use their Endeavours with their Assembly to concur also whenever they shou'd be permitted to meet.

The *South-Carolina* Assembly, not rightly viewing the Proposal (which Originally came from the Assembly of the Government of the *Massachusetts-Bay*,) as it was intended that the several Committees, when met, shou'd Frame and Sign an Address to his Majesty, and Memorial and Petition to the Parliament, to be immediately Dispatch'd by the Congress, Instructed their Members (Messrs. *Lynch*, *Rutledge*, and *Gadsden*,) to return their Proceedings to them, for Approbation. The *Connecticut* Assembly made the same Restrictions in their Instructions. The Assembly also of *New-Hampshire* wrote, that they had Resolved, That notwithstanding they were Sensible such a Representation ought to be made, and approved of the proposed Method for obtaining thereof, yet the present Situation of their Governmental Affairs, wou'd not permit them to appoint a Committee to attend such Meeting, but shou'd be ready to join in any Address to his Majesty and the Parliament they might be honoured with the Knowledge of, probable to answer the proposed End: And the Speaker of the Assembly of *Georgia* wrote, that a Majority of their Members had applied to the Governor to call their Assembly, and he did not think it Expedient, which was the Reason they did not send a Committee as proposed, but requested us to transmit a Copy of our Proceedings to them (which will be done) and that their Assembly wou'd meet about this Time, and he did not doubt but they shou'd Act so as to convince the Sister Colonies of their inviolable Attachment to the Common Cause: We also understood the *North-Carolina*, and we know the *Virginia* Assembly, was Prorogued, whereby they cou'd not have the Opportunity of joining us; so that we doubt not but the Colonies who have not Signed, will very speedily transmit similar Addresses, &c. if their Assemblies should not be hindered from Meeting: And to this Purpose, we hope you'll soon hear from the Assembly of *South-Carolina*. By the Gentlemen of that Colony we were favoured with a Sight of your late Letters, and inform'd of your careful and spirited Conduct with Regard to the Interests of that Colony, and that, together with your Declaration, which we find in those Letters, that you enjoy an independant Seat in the *British* Parliament, induced us (as we have no established Agent at present, for this Province, nor have yet been able to obtain a Law to Tax ourselves