

WHAT IS IT we would ask, that at this Time binds *America* together? It will undoubtedly be answered, one common Cause and mutual Confidence: If Faith in one Province should be betrayed or broken, it is greatly to be feared a Defection of the rest would soon follow; the general Interest would be totally abandoned, and in all human Probability, it would be next to impossible ever to revive a sufficient Degree of Confidence to produce another *Association*, or unite *America* again in any one Point! Men who love their Country, and are not blinded by Pride, Passion and Avarice, will surely see the extreme Danger we were brought into, and will not be displeas'd at us, their Brethren, for doing our Duty in endeavouring to avert it. To GOD and our Country we appeal for the Rectitude of our Conduct—Satisfied in our own Consciences, we leave the rest to Fate.

Our Duty to the Public obliges us, for their better understanding the following Narrative, to acquaint them, that Mr. *Samuel Buchanan*, at present in *London*, arrived in *Maryland*, about *July 1767*; did a great deal of Business in the Country; was well acquainted with the public Transactions; left the Province about *August 1769*, and arrived at *London* the 14th or 15th of *September* following; and that Mr. *John Reade Magruder* is a Native of *Maryland*; a considerable Merchant of *Upper-Maryborough*, in *Prince-George's County*, left this Province in the same Ship, at the same Time with Mr. *Samuel Buchanan*, and arrived with him, as has been said, at *London*, on the 14th or 15th of *September 1769*.

Having now stated what we apprehended were material Circumstances to be known, in order to place the Proceedings of the Committee in a proper Light, and to evince that their Determination was not given upon a *partial View* of Things, or *personal Dislike*, as has been meanly suggested, we shall proceed to state the Facts, and other Matters, which were in Proof to the Committee, respecting the Importation of Goods by the *Good-Intent*; but first it may be necessary to reprint the following Advertisement, that appeared in the *Maryland Gazette*, Number 1272.

“ THE Brigantine GOOD INTENT, Captain *Errington*, sailed from *London*, for this Province, about the latter End of *October*, with some *European Goods* designed for us the Subscribers, and several Gentlemen in the Counties of *Prince-George*, *Baltimore*, and *Anne-Arundel*: And having understood it has been surmised, that the said Goods have been shipped contrary to, and with an Intention to counter-act the General Association of the Traders, and other Inhabitants of this Province; we think it incumbent upon us to satisfy the Public, that all the Goods designed for us, were not only ordered before the Association was thought of in this Province, but even before the Merchants of *Philadelphia* entered into theirs; and that we have not, directly, or indirectly, augmented our Orders, or made any Alteration in them since they were given, wherefore we solicit the Favour of a Meeting, at *Annapolis*, of a Committee of the Three Counties of *Prince-George*, *Baltimore*, and *Anne-Arundel*, on the Arrival of the above-mentioned Brigantine, which shall be properly notified in the Gazette, in order that there may be a full and strict Examination into the Truth of what we have asserted. None of our Goods shall be landed til after the Expiration of Twelve Days from the Arrival of the Vessel.

JAMES DICK & STEWART.