

1st, A Certificate from *John Buchanan*, dated at *London*, *October 14, 1769*, viz.

“ THAT those marked R & G consigned to Messieurs *Ridgely* and *Goodwin*, were wrote for by their Letter, dated *25th March* last, *1769*, which Letter, I received at least *Four Months* ago.”

After the Committee had, with the utmost Care, examined all the Papers relative to the Goods consigned *Mr. Judson Coolidge*, for a Store of *Mr. Buchanan's* own, at *Nottingham*—Those of *Magruder* and *Hepburn*—*Dick* and *Stewart*—*Buchanan* and *Cowen*—*Archibald Buchanan*—*Ridgely* and *Goodwin*—*William M'Gachin*, and *Lyon* and *Walker*, and had examined several of the Gentlemen who interested themselves on this Occasion, the Committee was convinced, by abundant and satisfactory Proofs, that, though the Gentlemen to whom the Cargoes were consigned, had given their Orders for the Goods before any Association in this Province; yet, that *Mr. John Buchanan*, as soon as he heard of the Association taking Place here, had resolved and determined not to ship any of the Goods, and esteemed and looked upon those Orders as dead: That he therefore omitted to send Messieurs *Dick* and *Stewart*, and *Magruder* and *Hepburn*, their Cargoes, by the *Industry*, Captain *Greig*, which Vessel came to *Annapolis* and *Patuxent*, and by which Opportunity he sent a small Cargo to *Mr. Judson Coolidge*, under the Mark *C B*, and might have well sent those Goods, which would have been consistent in *Point of Time*, and correspondent to his Promise, as suggested in his Letters that were transmitted with the Spring Cargoes.

That as to *Mr. William M'Gachin's* unexecuted Orders, they were countermanded by his Letter of the *10th June* last, which Letter was received by *Mr. Buchanan*, a long Time before the Purchase or Shipping of the Goods. That as to Messieurs *Ridgely* and *Goodwin*, they, by their Letter to *Mr. James Dick*, Attorney for *Mr. Buchanan*, rejected the Goods consigned to them, as coming in contrary to their Orders. That as to *Mr. Archibald Buchanan* and Messieurs *Buchanan* and *Cowen*, and *Lyon* and *Walker*, it was fully in Proof, that *Mr. John Buchanan* had positively refused to send those Goods according to the Orders given; and in his Letter of the *17th July* last, to *Judson Coolidge*, he plainly declared against the Scheme of a Store at *Nottingham* 'til his Son's Arrival, which Store had been recommended by *Mr. Coolidge*, by Letter, before the Association. That directly after, Messieurs *Samuel Buchanan* and *John Read Magruder*, their Arrival at *London*, the *14th* or *15th September* last, it appeared by the Shop-Notes, Entries outward, and other Papers, that *Mr. Buchanan* set about buying up the Goods, under Colour of those Orders, none of which could be executed in the essential Circumstance of Time, nor could, with any Degree of Candour, be construed Orders within the Association, which must respect subsisting Orders only, and such as would be executed without the Intervention of any new Circumstance to invigorate them: And it was plain, from the repeated Acknowledgements of the Gentlemen who interested, themselves, that the Arrival of this Brig, with Goods for them, was an unexpected Event.

It was therefore resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,) the Question being severally put on each Cargo of Goods imported.)

1st, “ That they were shipped and imported contrary to the General Association of this Province.”

2d, As to the Articles allowed to be imported, they being blended and packed up with the prohibited Articles, the Landing and Storing of which being expressly contradictory to the
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