

reat, capable of animating thy distant soul; I think and tremble, I sigh and weep... I do not desire to leave thee...

Oh my countrymen! What will our children say when they read the history of these times... The Deity! Wherefore hadst thou not more riches to bestow on thee?

Thou hast glory and luxury, corrupt vice and immorality, and fixed immovable in the freedom, in what we are free indeed, is essentially the duty of each individual, at this day...

- AVERT thy heart! I love the brave, I love the treacherous willing slave... Wain your own, the coward's weak resource... I am a man, but to expect protection from above, while we are in the hands of luxury...

HYPERION.

From the BOSTON PAPERS.

TO THE PRINTERS.

You are desired to publish in your next Paper the following true Copy of a Letter of Mr. James Oglethorpe to the Commissioners for the Affairs of the Colonies, &c. &c. in London...

BOSTON, September 27, 1768.

SIR, THE Inhabitants of a number of towns within this province, &c. at their first settling into this province, were under their most mature consideration, the great and prevailing uneasiness among the people of the province in general arising from an apprehension that their charter and constitutional rights and liberties were suffering by the late Acts of Parliament for raising a revenue in America without their consent...

And being conversed to the purpose aforesaid at Boston, we have taken the most effectual course to procure the said petition to be presented to your Honour, and that we may be secured immediately to be published, and it is hereby intended, to declare all pretensions to any authoritative and governmental Acts, &c. null and void, and that we do hereby certify, that we do hereby certify, that we do hereby certify...

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The people in general, who have been so long suffering under the oppressive and oppressive nature of this Government, are now at length... The present disclosure we apprehend generally from the nation's having been informed of the ability of the people here to pay considerable duties and taxes...

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A Letter from the Selectmen of the Town of Bolton, together with the Votes passed by the said Town the 12th and 13th Instant, was by the Selectmen communicated to this Town, which being read, calmly and fully deliberated and considered, the Question was then put by the Moderator, Whether this Town will chuse any Person or Persons a Committee to meet in Convention with others in Bolton, as proposed in said Letter? and it passed unanimously in the Negative. It was then moved, and seconded, that the Meeting would resolve a Committee to prepare an Answer to the Selectmen of Bolton, to be laid before this Town for their Consideration, at the Time to which this Meeting shall be adjourned: It passed unanimously in the affirmative. A Committee was chuse accordingly; and then the Meeting adjourned till To-morrow five o'Clock Afternoon.

September 23, 1768.

The Inhabitants being assembled agreeable to Adjournment, the Committee appointed Yesterday report, which being repeatedly read and duly considered, was accepted, and then unanimously Resolved, that the following Answer be sent by the Selectmen as soon as may be, to the Selectmen of the Town of Bolton, and that the same be published in some one or more of the Bolton News-Papers.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have fully considered your Proposal of a Convention, and the Reasons you are pleased to assign for it, and hereby take the Liberty to express our Sentiments. We are not sensible that the State of America is so alarming, or the State of this Province so materially different from what they were a few Months since, as to render the Measure you propose either salutary or necessary.—The Act of Parliament for raising a Revenue so much complained of has been in being and carrying into Execution for a considerable Time past, and proper Steps taken by several Governments on this Continent to obtain Redress of that Grievance, and humble Petitions by them ordered to be presented to His Majesty, we trust have already, or will soon reach the Royal Ear, be graciously received and favourably answered, and the Petition from the House of Representatives of this Province the last Year among the rest.—If it should not, for want of an Agent from this Province at the Court of Great-Britain to present it, we presume you very well know if it be an impolitic and imprudent Omission, where to lay the Blame; and we apprehend that nothing that can or will be done by your proposed Convention can or will aid the Petition. And here we beg leave to say, that we judge that it would be much for the Interest of this Province to have an Agent at this critical Day, a suitable Person that would have served us faithfully we make no doubt might have been found, but the Reasons given, and the Methods that we hear have been taken to prevent it, are dissatisfactory, and give us much Uneasiness.—We are further informed, that all Matters of a publick and private Nature lying before the last General Court were fully considered and acted upon, and all then proposed to be done, finished before the Adjournment, except the Impachment of his Majesty's Representative, which perhaps might not have been agreed to had they sat longer, or not been afterwards dissolved. We are sorry for that Circumstance that occasioned so early a Dissolution of the General Court, though we must own, that the Governor by Charter is vested with that Power, yet we wish if he had judged it consistent with his Duty to the King it had been as usual; however we hope another will

be soon called, or at furthest on the last Wednesday in May next, and that in the mean Time the publick Affairs of the Province will not greatly suffer: And here we propose to your Consideration, whether the circular Letter which gave full Umbrage containing these Expressions, or others of the like Import, *That the King and Parliament by the late Revenue Act had infringed the Rights of the Colonies, imposed an inequitable Tax, and Things yet worse might be expected from the Independence and unlimited Appointments of Crown Officers therein mentioned,* was so perfectly innocent, and entirely consistent with that Duty and Loyalty professed by the House of Representatives the last Year, in their Petition to His Majesty; and whether the last House might not have complied with his Majesty's Requisition with a full Saving of all their Rights and Privileges, and thereby prevented our being destitute of a Gen.Court at this Day.

We cannot comprehend what Pretence there can be for the proposed Convention, unless the Probability of a considerable Number of regular Troops being sent into the Province, and an Apprehension of their being quartered, Part in your Town and Part at the Castle. And here we would observe, it was a Matter of Doubt and Uncertainty whether any were coming or not, if otherwise, for what Purpose the King was sending them, whether for your Defence in Case of a French War, (as you tell us there is in the Minds of many a prevailing Apprehension of one approaching, and if we don't misunderstand your Letter, induced them to pass the Votes transmitted to us,) or whether they are defined for the Protection of the new acquired Territories is altogether uncertain: That they are to be a Standing Army in a Time of Peace you give us no Evidence; and if your Apprehensions are well grounded, it is not even supposable they are intended as such—and if your Town meant sincerely, we can't see the need they had of interposing in military Matters, in an unprecedented Way requesting their Inhabitants to be provided with Arms, &c. (a Matter till now always supposed to belong to another Department,) especially as they must know such a Number of Troops would be a much better Defence in Case of War, than they had hertofore been favoured with: To suppose what you surmise, they may be intended for, is to mistrust the King's paternal Care and Goodness;—if by any sudden Excursions or Insurrections of some inconsiderate People, the King has been induced to think them a necessary Check upon you, we hope you will by your Loyalty and quiet Behaviour, soon convince his Majesty and the World they are not longer necessary for that Purpose, that thereupon they will be withdrawn, and your Town and the Province saved any further Trouble and Expence from that Quarter.—We are sensible the Colonies labour under many Difficulties, and we greatly fear what the Consequences of the Disputes, with our Mother Country will prove; however, we are far from thinking the Measures you are pursuing have any Tendency to deliver the good People of this Province, but on the contrary, immerge them in greater; after all we should hope (were it not for your present Attempt, attended with a bad Complexion) we might soon have Deliverance from our present Troubles, and Things restored as at the first.—The Governments have, in our Opinion, consulted, and are pursuing the properest Methods to obtain Redress of their Grievances, our Duty is to wait with Patience the Event, unless we are determined to take the alternative: How far Passion and Disap-

pointment and private Repentment may influence any to hurry their Neighbours into such mad and desperate Measures we don't know, but pray GOD prevent.—Suffer us to observe that in your Opinion the Measures the Town of Bolton are pursuing and proposing to us and the People of this Province to unite in, are unconstitutional, illegal, and wholly unjustifiable, and what will give the Enemies of our Constitution the greatest Joy, subversive of Government, the Dissolution of that Peace and good Order which is the Cement of Society, and have a direct Tendency to rivet our Chains, and deprive us of our Charter Rights and Privileges, which we the Inhabitants of this Town desire may be secured to us, and perpetuated to our latest Posterity.

Thus we have freely expressed our Sentiments, having an equal Right with others, tho' a lesser Part of the Community, and take this first Opportunity to protest against the proposed Convention;—and hereby declare our Loyalty to His present Majesty, and Fidelity to our Country; and that it is our firm Resolution, to the utmost of our Power, to maintain and defend our Rights in every prudent and reasonable Way, as far as is consistent with our Duty to GOD and the KING.

Attest,
OLIVER PARTRIDGE, Town-Clerk.

WANTED, one Hundred and fifty Bushels of Barley, for which ready Money will be paid by Richard Derby, jun.

LAST Tuesday Night was stolen out of a Pasture belonging to the Subscriber, a Pair of fat Oxen; which were carried to Cape-Ann Harbour and sold the next Morning to two Butchers there, by a Person who said his Name was Samuel Williams; and who is about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, with short Hair, something dark, a little round shouldered, something bow-legged, and floops; had on a dark coloured homespun Cloth Coat, a blue Jacket, yellow Leather Breeches, light blue ribbd Stockings, double soled Shoes, and large square brags Buckles. By the above Description, it is supposed to be one Lindley, well known in Ipswich, although he said his Name was Williams. If it was really the said Lindley who sold the above Oxen, he is an old Offender, and has been apprehended and punished for Crimes of the like Nature.—Whoever will apprehend the said Williams, alias Lindley, so that he may be secured, and brought to Justice, shall have One Guinea Reward, and all necessary Charges paid:
EBENEZER CHOATE.
Ipswich, October 3, 1768.

Last Sunday Evening the Store of William Gray, of Marblehead, Taylor, was broke open and stolen from thence, a blue Rattzen Surtout Coat, Buttons of the same, one Collar lined with black Velvet, and trimmed with the same, one Broad Cloth Coat, light colored white with a Button, on the left Side, 7 pair blue Serge Breeches, lined with Cotton, and Linge, scarlet Cloth and Trimming for a Pair of Breeches, blue Serge and Lining for a Waistcoat, 3 Holland Shirts, a Pair of white Hosiery, and other Garments partly made. It is apprehended that one Michael Mahaney a Taylor by Trade, was concerned in said Robbery. Whoever shall stop said Goods in that they may be recovered, shall have Six Dollars Reward, paid by Marblehead, Sept. 30, 1768. WILLIAM GRAY.

T O B E S O L D,
On board the Brig Pitt-Packet,
Israel Obear, Master,
Now laying at Mr. Samuel Barton's Wharf,
HEMP, Dear Skins, Beaver Skins, Lignumvite, Brimstone, Mahogany Plank & Boards, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, and Indigo.