

Because of the scarcity of copies of Volume III of the *Maryland Historical Magazine* where the Resolution of Non-Importation is printed, and of the comparatively few copies extant of the *Maryland Gazette* for June 29, 1769, where it was also published, this important resolution is reprinted in Appendix III.

Not only was the case of the ship *Good Intent* within the provisions of the resolution, but there were numerous other instances in the province where it was held the terms of this Non-Importation Agreement were applicable. For example, some goods landed in Charles County were ordered reshipped to England (*Maryland Gazette*, Nov. 30, 1769), and a similar situation arose in Prince George's County (*ibid.* Apr. 12, May 3, 1770). Even after all the duties, except that on tea, had been repealed by Parliament, the committee of Prince George's County decided still to adhere to the Non-Importation Agreement (*ibid.* May 31, June 7, 14, 1770).

The agreement was applied in the case of the ship *Betsey* (*Maryland Gazette*, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 1770). Questions of its application arose in Baltimore Town and County (*ibid.* Dec. 28, 1769; Apr. 19, Oct. 11, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, 1770), in Anne Arundel County (*ibid.* July 19, 1770), in St. Mary's County (*ibid.* May 24, 31, 1770), and on the Eastern Shore in Queen Anne's (*ibid.* Oct. 18, 1770), and Talbot Counties (*ibid.* July 12, Aug. 23, 1770).

The Non-Importation Resolution was the subject of much discussion and interpretation in Annapolis (*Maryland Gazette*, Dec. 21, 1769; June 21, 1770). The violation of the agreement by Rhode Island was condemned (*ibid.* June 7, 14, 1770), as well as similar action on the part of New York merchants (*ibid.* July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 1770).

The reason there is no mention of the case on the *Good Intent* in either the proceedings of the Upper or Lower Houses of the Assembly is given in a letter, dated June 23, 1769, which Governor Eden wrote to the Earl of Hillsborough. Eden said that he hoped from the dissensions among the men attending the meeting, which finally did adopt the Resolution of Non-Importation, that nothing would come of it. Although many of the men at the meeting were members of the Lower House, yet, as the meeting was a private one, the Governor thought he could not interfere. Furthermore, he was of the opinion that by ignoring it the meeting would lose its importance. For this reason Eden wrote Hillsborough that unless he received instructions to the contrary, he would make no mention of the *Good Intent* incident at the next meeting of the Assembly. The Governor's plan met with the approval of the King's advisers (Correspondence of Governor Eden, *Md. Hist. Mag.* Vol. II, 228-231).

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