

It is the Expectation of the House, that a most loyal and dutiful Address to his Majesty and his Parliament will be prepared by the Congress, praying as well for the Removal of the Grievances the Colonies labour under at present, as for the preventing Others for the future, which Petitions, if drawn up, as far as you shall be able to Judge agreeable to the Mind of this House, you are empowered to sign and forward, and you are to lay a Copy of the same before this House, and make Report of your Proceedings upon your Return.

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It is the hearty Prayer of this House, that the Congress may be endued with that Wisdom, which is from above; and that their Councils and Determinations may be attended with the Divine Blessing.

Samuel White, Speaker.

From the Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations,

Metcalf Bowler, } Esquires.
Henry Ward, }

Who produced the following Appointment, viz.

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By the Honourable Samuel Ward, Esq; Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, of, and over the English Colony of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantation, in New-England, in America.

To Metcalf Bowler, and Henry Ward, Esquires. Greeting.

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony, have nominated and appointed you, the said Metcalf Bowler, and Henry Ward, to be Commissioners in behalf of this Colony, to meet such Commissioners as are or shall be appointed, by the other British Governments in North-America, to meet at New-York, on the first Tuesday of October next:

I do therefore hereby Authorize, empower, and Commissionate you, the said Metcalf Bowler and Henry Ward, forthwith to repair to New-York, and there, in behalf of this Colony, to meet and join with the other Commissioners, in consulting together on the present Circumstances of the Colonies, and the Difficulties to which they are, and must be reduced, by the Operation of the Act of Parliament, for levying Duties and Taxes upon the Colonies, and to consider of a general, and united, dutiful, loyal, and humble Representation to his Majesty and the Parliament, and to implore Relief. And you are also hereby empowered to conclude and agree with the other Commissioners, upon such Measures as you shall think necessary and proper, for obtaining Redress of the Grievances of the Colonies, agreeable to the Instructions given you by the General Assembly of this Colony. Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the said