

gality, Oeconomy, and Industry; and considering also, that Measures of this Nature are more particularly necessary at this Time, as the Parliament of Great-Britain, by imposing Taxes upon many Articles imported hither from thence, and from other Parts beyond Sea, have left it less in our Power, than in Time past, to purchase and pay for the Manufactures of the Mother-Country; which Taxes, especially those imposed by a late Act of Parliament, laying Duties on Tea, Paper, Glass, &c. we are clearly convinced have been imposed contrary to the Spirit of our Constitution, and have a direct and manifest Tendency to deprive us, in the End, of all political Freedom, and reduce us to a State of Dependence, inconsistent with that Liberty we have rightfully enjoyed under the Government of his present most Sacred Majesty, (to whom we owe, acknowledge, and will always joyfully pay all due Obedience, and Allegiance) and of his royal Predecessors, ever since the first Settlement of the Province, until of very late Time; have thought it necessary to unite, as nearly as our Circumstances will admit, with our Sister Colonies, in Resolutions for the Purpose aforesaid; and therefore, do hereby agree, and bind ourselves to, and with each other, by all the Ties and Obligations of Honour and Reputation, that we will strictly and faithfully observe, and conform to the following Resolutions:

First, that we will not, at any Time hereafter, directly, or indirectly, import, or cause to be imported, any Manner of Goods, Merchandize, or Manufactures, which are, or shall hereafter be taxed by Act of Parliament, for the Purpose of raising a Revenue in America, (except Paper not exceeding Six Shillings per Ream, and except such Articles only, as Orders have been already sent for) but, that we will always consider such Taxation, in every Respect, as an absolute Prohibition to the Articles that are, or may be taxed.

Secondly, That we will not hereafter, directly, or indirectly, during the Continuance of the aforesaid Act of Parliament, import, or cause to be imported, from Great-Britain, or any other Part of Europe, (except such Articles of the Produce, or Manufacture of Ireland, as may be immediately, and legally brought from thence, and also, except all such Goods as Orders have been already sent for) any of the Goods hereinafter enumerated, to wit. Horses, Spirits, Wine, Cyder, Perry, Beer, Ale, Malt, Barley, Pease, Beef, Pork, Fish, Butter, Cheese, Tallow, Candles, Oil, except Salad-Oil, Fruit, Pickles, Confectionary, British refined Sugar, Mustard, Coffee, Pewter, Tin-Ware of all Kinds, whether plain, or painted, Waiters, and all Kind of Japan-Ware, wrought Copper, wrought and cast Brass, and Bell-Metal, Watches, Clocks, Plate, and all other Gold and Silversmiths Work, Trinkets, and Jewellery of all Kinds, Gold and Silver Lace, Joiners and Cabinet Work of all Sorts, Looking-Glasses, Upholstery of all Kinds, Carriages of all Kinds, Ribbons and Millinery of all Kinds, (except Wig-Ribbon) Lace, Cambrick, Lawn, Muslin, Kent-