South Carolina Association

The actual commencement of Hostilities against this Continent, by the British Troops in the bloody Scene on the 19th of April last, near Boston, the Increase of arbitrary Impositions from a despotic Ministry – and the Dread Insurrections in the Colonies, are Causes sufficient to drive an oppressed People to the use of Arms. We therefore the Subscribers, Inhabitants of South Carolina, holding ourselves bound by that most Sacred of all Obligations, the Duty of good Citizens towards an injured Country, and thoroughly convinced, that, under our present distressed Circumstances, we shall be justified before God and Man, in resisting Force by Force; Do unite ourselves under every Tie of Religion and of Honour and associate as a Band in her Defence against every Foe: Hereby solemnly engaging that, whenever our Continential or Provincial Councils shall decree it necessary, we will go forth to be ready to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes to secure her Freedom and Safety. This obligation to Continue in full Force until a Reconciliation shall take place between Great Britain and America, upon constitutional Principles – an Event which most ardently desire. And we will hold all those Persons enimical to the Liberty of the Colonies, who shall refuse to subscribe this Association.

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John James +

Nath.l Moore
Jno. M'Cormick +
Peter Mellet +
Peter Matthews +
John Barden +
Caleb Eagle +
James Farmer +

John Newton +
John M'Kinstry +
Elias Ward +
William Wright +
John Moore +
Isaac Lenoir +

Joshua Speeks +
Elisha Tyler his mark
Zacariah Berry his mark
Wood Furman
Joseph Knight
Thomas Smithwick

Jno. Singleton +
Hope Ridgway his mark +
Henry Haynsworth +
Abel Kolb

Mason Greenlay +
James Brunquist +
Josiah Gayle his mark +
John Wright +
William Moore +
Stephen Bailey +

David Rogers +
Zacharias Harrell +
James Bourdeaux +
Sylvester Asbery his mark +
James Bozeman +
Jno. Wooder his mark +
Simon Woodard his mark +
Willis Ramsey +

Isaac Jackson +
Benjamin Crendall +
Dillinton Taylor +
John Kellogy +
Jno. Berry +
Frederick Alderson his mark +
Merrill Atkinson his mark +
Edward Swift +
Elisha Parker +
Benjamin Wallis +

Peter Singleton
Peter Howard +
Thos. Wells +
Isaac Brazfield +
William Pearson +
Edward Hare +
John Rogers +
James Freeman +
Thos. Greenwood +
John Hill +
Benjamin Hunt +

John Malone +
Richd. Wells +
Thos. Abbot +
Saml. Tyree +

Wm. Tyree +
Charles Brunson +
George Brunson +
Philip Pettypool
Jesse Wheat +
Eas Boatwright +

Henry Parker +
James Williams +
Philemon Bradley +
Hugh Key +
Jas. Freeman +
Jno. Temple +

Moses Knighton Junr.
Jos. Hill +
Edwin Lee +
Stephen Nixon his mark +
Eleazer Sexton his mark +

Richard Lide +
Henry Obert +
Isaac Brunson +
Thos. Brunson +
Wm. Walker +
Wm. Hood +
James Hood +
Jno. Coffey +

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