

Geo. III Journals of the Commons House of Assembly.

The 20th day of Nov^r 1765.

Great Britain.

11. That the Readings of the Petitions to comply with His Majesty's Requisitions, as well as their Inability is apparent, from the several Grants of Parliament, to reimburse them part of the heavy Expences they were at in the late War in America.

12. That it is the Right of the British Subjects of this Province, to petition the King, or either House of Parliament.

Resolved to Consider said Resol^{ns} 11th & 12th Adjourned

Resolved that this House will, in the afternoon, take the said Resolutions into Consideration
And then the House Adjourned
till Four of the Clock in the Afternoon

P.M.

Resol^{ns} for the House on Resol^{ns} to be entered into Considered

Accordingly the House being met, Proceeded to take into Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to consider of, and Report such Resolutions as may be proper for this House to enter into, upon the present critical situation of the Province, with respect to several Acts of Parliament lately passed in Great Britain, which materially affects the Liberties and Properties of the British Subjects in America. Which were Read a Second time.

Resolved, upon the Question, that in the fifth Resolution, the words "in some measure," be inserted between the words, "constituted," and, "upon"

Upon Motion, it was Ordered, that in the tenth Resolution, the word, "Special" be struck out, and the words "Gold and Silver" be inserted.

Upon Motion, it was Ordered, that in the seventeenth Resolution, the words "according to their ability," be added between the words "Proportion" and "of."

Upon Motion, it was also ordered, that in the seventeenth Resolution the words, "to bear any additional Taxes beyond what are laid on them by their respective Legislatures," be inserted between the words, "Inability," and "is."

Agreed to by the House.

And then the following Resolutions were severally Read, and agreed to by the House, (viz^t)

Resolutions entered into by the House.

This House, sincerely devoted, with the warmest Sentiments of affection and Duty to His Majesty's Person and Government; inviolably attached to the present happy Establishment of the Protestant Succession; and with minds deeply impressed by a sense of the present and impending Misfortunes of the People of this Province; esteem it their indispensable Duty to their Constituents, to themselves, and to Posterity, to come to the following Resolutions, respecting their most essential Rights and Liberties, and the Grievances under which they labour, by reason of several Acts of Parliament.

1. Resolved, That His Majesty's Subjects in this Province owe the same Allegiance to the Crown of Great Britain, that is due from His Subjects born there.

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- 2.^d That His Majesty's Liege Subjects in this Province, are intitled to all the inherent Rights and Liberties of His natural born Subjects within the Kingdom of Great Britain:
- 3.^d That the Liberties of this Province appear also to be confirmed in all the Rights aforesaid, not only by their Charter, but by an Act of Parliament of the 13.th George 2.^d
- 4.^d That it is inseparably essential to the Freedom of a People, and the undoubted Right of Englishmen, that no Taxes be imposed on them, but with their own Consent, given personally, or by their Representatives.
- 5.^d That the People of this Province are not, and, from their local Circumstances, cannot be, represented in the House of Commons of Great Britain, and further, That, in the Opinion of this House, the several Grievances in America were constituted, in some Measure, upon the Apprehensions of this Infrachability.
- 6.^d That the only Representatives of the People of this Province are Persons chosen therein by themselves; and that no Taxes ever have been, or can be, constitutionally imposed on them, but by the Legislature of this Province.
- 7.^d That all Supplies to the Crown being free Gifts of the People, it is unreasonable and inconsistent with the Principles and Spirit of the British Constitution, for the People of Great Britain to grant to His Majesty the Property of the People of this Province.
- 8.^d That Trial by Jury, is the inherent and invaluable Right of every British Subject in this Province.
- 9.^d That the late Act of Parliament, intituled, "an Act for granting and applying certain Stamp Duties ^{and the Duties} on the British Colonies and Plantations in America," &c. by imposing Taxes on the Inhabitants of this Province; and the said Act and several other Acts, by extending the Jurisdiction of the Courts of Admiralty, beyond its ancient Limits, have a manifest Tendency to subvert the Rights and Liberties of the People of this Province.
- 10.^d That the Duties imposed, by several late Acts of Parliament, on the People of this Province, will be extremely burthensome and grievous, and, from the Scarcity of Gold and Silver, the Payment of them absolutely impracticable.
- 11.^d That, as the Profits of the Trade of the People of this Province ultimately center in Great Britain, to pay for the Manufactures which they are obliged to take from thence; they eventually contribute very largely to all the Supplies granted there to the Crown; and besides, as every Individual in this Province, is as advantageous at least to Great Britain, as if he were in Great Britain; and as they pay their full Proportion of Taxes for the Support of His Majesty's Government here (which Taxes are equal, or more, in Proportion to our Estates, than those paid by our Fellow Subjects in Great Britain upon theirs); it is unreasonable for them to be called upon, to pay any further part of the Charges of the Government there.

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On Tuesday the 22nd of November 1765.

12.th That the Assemblies of this Province have, from Time to Time, whenever Requisitions have been made by His Majesty, for carrying on Military Operations, either for the Defence of themselves, or that of America in general, most cheerfully and liberally contributed their full Proportion, of Men and Money, for those Services.

13.th That, though the Representatives of the People of this Province had equal Affairs and Reasons, with those of the other Provinces, to expect a proportional Reimbursement, of those immense Charges they had been at, for His Majesty's Service, in the late War, out of the several Parliamentary Grants for the use of America; yet they have retained only their Proportion of the first of those Grants, and the small Sum of Two Hundred and Eighty five Pounds Sterling received since.

14.th That notwithstanding, whenever His Majesty's Service shall, for the future, require the Aids of the Inhabitants of this Province, and they shall be called upon for that Purpose in a Constitutional Way, it shall be their inalienable Duty, most cheerfully and liberally, to grant to His Majesty, their Proportion, according to their Ability, of Men and Money, for the Defence, Security, and other public Services of the British American Colonies.

15.th That the Restrictions on the Trade of the People of this Province, together with the late Duties and Taxes, imposed on them by Acts of Parliament, must necessarily greatly lessen the Consumption of British Manufactures amongst them.

16.th That the Increase, Prosperity, and Happiness of the People of this Province, depend on the full and free Enjoyment of their Rights and Liberties, and an affectionate Intercourse with Great Britain.

17.th That the Readiness of the Colonies to comply with His Majesty's Requisitions, as well as their Inability to bear any additional Taxes, beyond what is laid on them by their respective Legislatures, is apparent, from the several Grants of Parliament, to reimburse them Part of the heavy Expences they were at in the late War in America.

18.th That it is the Right of the British Subjects in this Province, to petition the King, or either House of Parliament.

Ordered that these Votes and Resolutions be signed by the Speaker, and be Printed, and made Public, that a just Sense of Liberty, and a firm Sentiments of Loyalty, of the Representatives of the People of this Province, may be known to their Constituents, and transmitted to Posterity.

Ordered that the Committee of Correspondence, do write a Letter to the Agent of this Province, in Great Britain, and answer all his Letters, which lie Unanswered, and send Copies of the Resolutions of the Committee at New York, with the Addresses to the King, Lords, and Commons.

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