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Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants

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CULPEPPER COUNTY, (VIRGINIA) RESOLUTIONS.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of *Culpepper*, in *Virginia*, assembled on due notice, at the Court House of the said County, on *Thursday*, the 7th of *July*, 1774, to consider of the most effectual method to preserve the rights and liberties of *America*:

HENRY PENDLETON, Esq., *Moderator*.

Resolved, That we will, whenever we are called upon for that purpose, maintain and defend his Majesty's right and title to the Crown of *Great Britain*, and all other

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his Dominions thereunto belonging, to whose royal person and Government we profess all due obedience and fidelity.

Resolved, That the right to impose taxes or duties, to be paid by the inhabitants of this Colony for any purpose whatsoever, is peculiar and essential to the General Assembly, in whom the Legislative authority is vested.

Resolved, That every attempt to impose taxes or duties by any other authority is an arbitrary exertion of power, and an infringement of the constitutional and just rights and liberties of the Colony, and that we will at all times, at the risk of our lives and fortunes, oppose any Act imposing such taxes or duties, unless we are legally represented; and that the Act of the *British* Parliament imposing a duty on tea to be paid by the inhabitants of the Colonies upon importation, is evidently designed to fix on the *Americans* those chains forged for them by a corrupt Ministry.

Resolved, That the late cruel and unjust Acts of Parliament, to be executed by force upon our sister Colony of the *Massachusetts Bay* and town of *Boston*, is a convincing proof of the unjust and corrupt influence obtained by the *British* Ministry in Parliament, and a fixed determination to deprive the Colonies of their constitutional and just rights and liberties.

Resolved, That the town of *Boston* is now suffering in the common cause of the *American* Colonies.

Resolved, That an Association between all the *American* Colonies not to import from *Great Britain*, or buy any goods or commodities whatsoever, except negroes, cloaths, salt, saltpetre, powder, lead, nails, and paper, ought to be entered into, and by no means dissolved, until the rights and liberties of the Colonies are restored to them, and the tyrannical Acts of Parliament against *Boston* are repealed.