

and perpetuate their Plans. Whereby they have been not only greatly instrumental of disturbing the Peace and Harmony of the Government and causing unnatural and hatefull Discords and animosities between the Several parts of your Majesty's extensive Dominions, but are justly chargeable with all that Corruption of morals, and all that Confusion Misery and Blood shed, which have been the natural effects of posting an Army in a populous Town

Wherefore we most humbly pray that your Majesty would be pleased to remove from their Posts in this Government, the said Thomas Hutchinson Esq. and Andrew Oliver Esq. who have by their Conduct and otherwise, rendered themselves justly obnoxious to your loving Subjects and intirely lost their Confidence; and place such good and faithful Men in their Stead as your Majesty on your great Wisdom shall think fit

A Letter to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Virginia

Prov. Mass: Bay June 3 1773

Sir

^{Judicious and}
The very important Resolves entered into by the House of Burgesses of his Majesty's most ancient Colony of Virginia on the 12th March last, together with your obliging Letter inclosing the same, have been laid before the House of Representatives of this Province.

The wisdom of the Measures proposed in these Resolves, and the great & good Effects that may reasonably be expected to flow from them not only to the Colonies but the parent State were so obvious, that the House immediately adopted them, and appointed a Committee to keep

to keep up and maintain a free Communication with Virginia
and the rest of the Sister Colonies.

That there had long been a settled Plan to Subvert the political
Constitutions of these Colonies & to Introduce arbitrary Power,
cannot in the opinion of this House admit of Doubt. Those
who have aimed to enslave us like a Band of Brothers, have ever
been united in their Councils and their Conduct. To this they owe
their Success ^{are} they not in this regard worthy Imitation
Here it is praise worthy to be instructed even by an Enemy. The
object which the Conspirators against our Rights seem of late
to have much in view, has been either to lull the Colonies into a
State of Profound Sleep & Security which is for ever the Son-
runner of Slavery, or to foment Divisions among them. How
necessary therefore ^{counteracted} how important is it to ~~counter~~ and defeat them
in this fatal Design - to awaken and fix the Attention of all
to the common Danger - to open and maintain an uninterrupted
among the Colonies that all may be fully apprised of the
true State & Circumstances of each, and that the Councils of the
whole may be united in some effectual measures for restoring
the Publick Liberty. That this may be the happy Effect
of the truly laudable & generous Design of the House of
Burgesses of Virginia, is the most ardent wish, and shall
be the ~~persevering~~ object of the Attention of this House

A Copy of a Letter directed to the Speaker of y^e several Assembly thro' y^e
Continent Virginia, & Rhode Island received
So the Speaker of y^e House of Representatives of the
Colony of -

Sir

The House of Representatives of this Province
being earnestly attentive to y^e Controversy between Great
Britain & y^e Colonies and considering that y^e Authority
Claimed & exercised by the Parliament y^e one side