

But the cruel and unnatural Treatment which the Town of Boston has received from Great-Britain, will admit of no Kind of Palliation; the Metropolis of a most affectionate and loyal Colony, which in all the Wars of Great-Britain hath gloriously supported the British Interest in America, and even by their wife & vigorous Efforts made a Conquest which gave Peace to Europe is now threatened with Destruction, for no other Cause but because the People have bravely determined not to become Slaves.

We have long felt for the Town of Boston: We heartily sympathise with our Brethren upon this alarming Occasion: We are much pleased with the noble Firmness with which this cruel Edict is received in Boston! We highly approve the Measures taken by the Town, and are entirely of Opinion that the joint Resolution of the Colonists to stop all Importation from, and Exportations to Great-Britain and the West-Indies, until the Act is repealed, will infallibly produce the desired Effect.

The Country which we possess, blessed be God, affords every necessary of Life: We are morally certain that with the common Blessings of Heaven upon our Industry and Frugality, we can live comfortably without importing a single Article from England or the West-Indies: And we are equally certain that neither England or the West-Indies can subsist long without us. Their own Preservation therefore will compel them to do us Justice.

This horrid Attack upon the Town of Boston we consider not as an Attempt upon that Town singly, but upon the whole Continent. We are therefore determined to use our whole Influence for the Support of the Town of Boston in the same Manner as if the Attack had been made in the Metropolis of this Colony. And we doubt not but the other Colonies will consider this arbitrary and tyrannical Edict in the same Light, and heartily unite with the Friends of Liberty in Boston, in Support of the common Cause.

(Signed by the Committee of Correspondence.)

GENTLEMEN, Westbury, 15th May, 1774.

WITH mingled Concern and Indignation the Committee of Correspondence in this Town have seen an Act for blocking up the Harbour of Boston.

Being desirous to destroy the City of Carthage, laboriously required of the Carthaginians that they should forsake their City and remove their Habitation twelve Miles from the Sea: The Consideration of the inveterate Hatred occasioned by the long and bloody Wars which had subsisted between Rome and Carthage, the Remembrance of several Hundred Thousand Romans killed in those Wars, and several Hundred Towns plundered by the Carthaginians is come to take for the Roman Severity