

the? see from whence it came, at all events. And the section being accordingly put, it passed in the affirmative. Nem. con.

It appearing that the hall could not contain the people assembled, it was voted, that the meeting be immediately adjourned to the Old South meeting-house. Leave having been obtained for this purpose, the people met at the Old South, according to adjournment.

A motion was made, and the question put, viz. whether it is the firm resolution of this body that the tea shall not only be sent back, but that no duty shall be paid thereon; and passed in the affirmative. Nem. con.

It was moved, that in order to give time to the consignees to consider and deliberate, before they send in their proposals to this body, as they had given reason to expect it would have been done at the opening of the meeting, there might be an adjournment to three o'clock, P. M. and the meeting was accordingly for that purpose adjourned.

Three o'clock, P. M. met according to adjournment.

A motion was made, whether the tea now arrived in Capt. Hall's ship, shall be sent back in the same bottom? Passed in the affirmative. Nem. con.

Mr. Rotch, the owner of the vessel being present, informed the body, that he should enter his protest against their proceedings.

It was then moved and voted, nem. con. that Mr. Rotch be directed not to enter his tea; and that the doing of it would be at his peril.

Also voted, that Capt. Hall, the master of the ship, be informed, that at his peril, he is not to suffer any of the tea, brought by him, to be landed.

A motion was made, that in order for the security of Capt. Hall's ship and cargo, a watch may be appointed; and it was voted that a watch be accordingly appointed to consist of twenty-five men.

Capt. Edward Procter was appointed by the body to be the Capt. of the watch for the night, and the names were given in to the moderator, of the townsmen, who were volunteers on the occasion.

It having been observed to the body, that governor Hutchinson had required the justices of the peace in this town to meet and use their endeavours to suppress any riots or riots, &c. of the people, that might happen. It was ordered, and the question put—whether it be not the sense of this meeting, that the governor's conduct herein carries a designed reflection upon the people here met; and is solely calculated to serve the views of administration. Passed in the affirmative, nem. con.

The people being informed by Col. Hancock, that Mr. Copley, son-in-law to Mr. Clark, sen. had acquainted him, that the tea consignees did not receive their letters from London till last evening, and were so dispersed, that they could not have a joint meeting early enough to make their proposals at the time intended; and therefore were desirous of a farther space for that purpose.

The meeting out of great tenderness to these persons, and from a strong desire to bring this matter to a conclusion, notwithstanding the time they had hitherto expended upon them to no purpose, were prevailed upon to adjourn to the next morning nine o'clock.

The long expected proposals were at length brought into meeting, not directed to the moderator, but to John Scollay, Esq; one of the selectmen. It was however voted that the same should be read, and they are as follow, viz.

Monday, November 29, 1773.

S I R,
WE are sorry that we could not return to the town satisfactory answers to their two late messages to us, respecting the teas; we beg leave to acquaint the gentlemen selectmen, at Messrs. Clarkes interview with you last Saturday, that this can be effected by nothing less than our sending back the teas, we beg leave to say, that this is utterly out of our power to do, but we do now declare to you our readiness to store the teas, until we shall have opportunity of writing to our constituents, and shall receive their further orders respecting them; and we do most sincerely wish, that the town, considering the unexpected difficulties devolved upon us, will be satisfied with what we now offer.

We are, S I R,

Your most humble servants,
Tho. and Eliza Hutchinson,
Benja. Faneuil, junr. for self, and
Joshua Winslow, Esq;
Richard Clarke, and sons.

John Scollay, Esq;

Mr. Sheriff Greenleaf came into the meeting, and begged leave of the moderator that a letter he had received from the governor requiring him to read a proclamation to the people here assembled, might be read; and it was accordingly read.

Whereupon it was moved, and the question put, whether the sheriff should be permitted to read the proclamation—which passed in the affirmative, nem. con.

The proclamation is as follows, viz.
Massachusetts-Bay. By the governor.
To Jonathan Williams, Esq; acting as moderator of an assembly of people in the town of Boston, and to the people so assembled.

WHEREAS printed notifications were on Monday the 29th instant posted in divers places in the town of Boston, and published in the newspapers, of that day, calling upon the people to assemble together, for certain unlawful purposes, in such notifications mentioned; and whereas great numbers of people belonging to the town of Boston, and divers others belonging to several other towns in the province, did assemble, in the town of Boston, on the said day, and did then, and there, proceed to choose a moderator, and to consult, debate, and resolve upon ways and means, for carrying such unlawful purposes into execution; openly violating, defying, and setting

at nought the good and wholesome laws of the province, and the constitution of government under which they live: and whereas the people thus assembled, did vote or agree to adjourn or continue their meeting to the 30th instant, and a great number of them are again met, or assembled together for the like purposes, in the said town of Boston.

In faithfulness to my trust, and as his majesty's representative, within the province, I am bound to bear testimony, against this violation of the laws, and I warn, exhort, and require you, and each of you, thus unlawfully assembled, forthwith to disperse, and to surcease all further unlawful proceedings, at your utmost peril,

Given under my hand, at Milton, in the province aforesaid, the 30th day of November, 1773, and in the fourteenth year of his majesty's reign.

T. Hutchinson.

THO. FLUCKER, Sec.

By his excellency's command.

And the same being read by the sheriff, there was immediately after, a loud and very general hiss.

A motion was then made, and the question put, whether the assembly would disperse and surcease all further proceedings, according to the governor's requirement. It passed in the negative, nem. con.

A proposal of Mr. Copley was made, that in case he should prevail with the Messieurs Clarkes to come into the meeting, the question might now be put, whether they should be treated with civility while in the meeting, though they might be of different sentiments with this body; and their persons be safe until their return to the place from whence they should come. And the question being accordingly put, passed in the affirmative, nem. con.

Another motion of Mr. Copley's was put, whether two hours shall be given him, which also passed in the affirmative.

Adjourned to two o'clock, P. M.

TWO o'clock, P. M. met according to adjournment.

A motion was made and passed that Mr. Rotch, and Capt. Hall, be desired to give their attendance.

Mr. Rotch appeared, and upon a motion made, the question was put, whether it is the firm resolution of this body that the tea brought by Capt. Hall shall be returned by Mr. Rotch, to England, in the bottom in which it came; and whether they accordingly now require the same? Which passed in the affirmative, nem. con.

Mr. Rotch then informed the meetings, that he should protest against the whole proceedings as he had done against the proceedings on yesterday, but that, though the returning the tea is an involuntary act in him, he yet considers himself as under a necessity to do it, and shall therefore comply with the requirement of this body.

Capt. Hall being present was forbid to aid, or assist in unloading the tea at his peril, and ordered, that if he continues master of the vessel, he carry the same back to London; who replied he should comply with these requirements.

Upon a motion, resolved, that John Rowe, Esq; owner of part of Capt. Bruce's ship, expected with tea; as also Mr. Timmings, factor for Capt. Coffin's brig, be desired to attend.

Mr. Ezekiel Cheever was appointed Captain of the watch for this night; and a sufficient number of volunteers gave in their names for that service.

VOTED, that the Capt. of this watch be desired to make out a list of the watch for the next night, and so each capt. of the watch for the following nights, until the vessels leave the harbour.

Upon a motion made, voted, that in case it should happen that the watch should be any ways molested in the night, while on duty, they give the alarm to the inhabitants; by the tolling of the bells, and that if any thing happens in the day time, the alarm be by ringing of the bells.

VOTED, that six persons be appointed to be in readiness to give due notice to the country towns, when they shall be required so to do, upon any important occasion. And six persons were accordingly chosen for that purpose.

John Rowe, Esq; attended, and was informed that Mr. Rotch had engaged that his vessel should carry back the tea she brought, in the same bottom; and that it was the expectation of this body, that he does the same, by the tea expected in Capt. Bruce; whereupon he replied, that the ship was under the care of the said master, but that he would use his utmost endeavours that it should go back as required by this body, and that he would give immediate advice of the arrival of said ship.

It was then voted, that what Mr. Rowe and Mr. Timmings had offered was satisfactory to the body.

VOTED, that it is the sense of this body, that Capt. Bruce shall, on his arrival, strictly conform to the votes passed respecting Capt. Hall's vessel, as though they had been all passed in reference to Capt. Bruce's ship.

Mr. Timmings appeared, and informed, that Capt. Coffin's brig, expected with tea, was owned in Nantucket, he gave his word of honour that no tea should be landed while she was under his care, nor touched by any one until the owner's arrival.

Mr. Copley returned and acquainted the body, that as he had been obliged to go to the castle, he hoped that if he had exceeded the time allowed him they would consider the difficulty of a passage by water at this season, as his apology; he then further acquainted the body, that he had seen all the consignees, and though he had convinced them that they might attend this meeting with safety, and had used his utmost endeavours to prevail upon them to give satisfaction to the body; they acquainted him, that believing nothing would be satisfactory short of re-shipping the tea, which was out of their power, they thought it best not to appear, but would renew their proposal of storing the tea, and submitting the same to the inspection of the committee, and that they could go no

further, without incurring their own ruin; but as they had not been active in introducing the tea, they should do nothing to obstruct the people in their procedure with the same.

It was then moved, and the question put, whether the return made by Mr. Copley from the consignees be in the least degree satisfactory to this body, and passed in the negative, nem. con.

Whereas a number of merchants in this province have inadvertently imported tea from Great-Britain, while it is subject to the payment of a duty imposed upon it by an act of the British parliament, for the purpose of raising a revenue in America, and appropriating the same without the consent of those who are required to pay it:

RESOLVED, that in thus importing said tea, they have justly incurred the displeasure of our brethren in the other colonies.

And resolved further, that if any person, or persons, shall hereafter import tea from Great Britain, or if any vessel or vessels, in Great Britain, shall take the same on board, to be imported to this place, until the said unrighteous act shall be repealed, he or they shall be deemed by this body, an enemy to his country; and we will prevent the landing and sale of the same, and the payment of any duty thereon. And we will effect the return thereof to the place from whence it shall come.

RESOLVED, that the foregoing vote be printed and sent to England, and all the sea-ports in this province.

Upon a motion made, voted, that fair copies be taken of the whole proceedings of this meeting, and transmitted to New-York and Philadelphia, and that Mr. Samuel Adams, Hon. John Hancock, Esq; William Phillips, Esq; John Rowe, Esq; Jonathan Williams, Esq; be a committee to transmit the same.

VOTED, that it is the determination of this body to carry their votes and resolutions into execution, at the risk of their lives and properties.

VOTED, that the committee of correspondence for this town be desired to take care that every other vessel with tea, that arrives in this harbour, have a proper watch appointed for her. Also voted, that those persons who are desirous of making a part of these nightly watches, be desired to give in their names at Messrs. Edes and Gill's printing office.

VOTED, that our brethren in the country be desired to afford their assistance upon the first notice given: especially if such notice be given upon the arrival of Capt. Loring, in Messrs. Clarkes brigantine.

VOTED, that those of this body who belong to the town of Boston do return their thanks to their brethren who have come from the neighbouring towns, for their countenance and union with this body, in this exigence of our affairs.

VOTED, that the thanks of this meeting be given to Jonathan Williams, Esq; for his good services as moderator.

VOTED, that this meeting be dissolved. And it was accordingly dissolved.

ANNAPOLIS, DECEMBER 30. CUSTOM-HOUSE.

ENTERED.

Sloop Sally, Richard Somersall, from St. Eustatia.
Schooner Julia, John Reader, from Boston.
Ship Dulany, Thomas Jarrold, from London.
Ship Sally, Robert Keith, from Philadelphia.
Brig Charming Molly, Samuel Waugh, from Belfast.
Snow Susannah, Zedekiah Whaley, from Cork.
Schooner Liberty, Thomas Brown, from Hispaniola.

CLEARED.

Ship Nancy and Sukey, James Robinson, for Leghorn.
Schooner Chatham, Benjamin Fleetwood, for Virginia.
Sloop Sally, Thomas Ross, for Boston.
Ship Brothers, Matthew Craymer, for London.

Calvert County, December 24, 1773.
To be sold at publick sale, on the premises, the second Monday in January 1774, by lots, or the whole, as will best suit the purchasers, for cash, or good London bills of exchange, or private before the day of sale; agreeable to the last will and testament of Mr. James Somervell, deceased,

ABOUT six hundred acres of land, lying near to Mr. Alexander Somervell's. Whereon is a negro quarter, and two good tobacco houses: the land is well timbered, and there may be easily made a great quantity of meadow ground; short credit will be given, upon giving bond with security. The sale to begin at eleven o'clock if fair, if not, the next fair day, by

JOHN MACKALL,
JOHN DARE, and
RICHARD IRELAND, trustees.

N. B. The executrix will join with the trustees in deed, which will clear up her right of dower.

ATo be let and entered on immediately, Blacksmith's shop, with a complete set of tools, situate in a good neighbourhood for trade, with a good dwelling-house adjoining in good repair; near which is a well that affords exceeding good water. For farther particulars enquire of Captain Zachariah Wade, within two miles of Piscataway.

THERE is at the plantation of Richard Brian, living in Prince George's county, near Piscataway; taken up as a stray, a black horse, about thirteen hands high, with a hog mane, and some saddle spots on his back, branded on the off shoulder thus g H, paces, and shod all fours, supposed to be eight or nine years old. The owner may have him again, on proving property and paying charges.