

The Town being met According to the aforesaid adjournment Proceeded to
The Committee appointed by the Town to take into consideration the
Affair relating to the Tea, sent here by the East India Company
Reported as follows viz^t -

Taking into Consideration, the late Conduct of Administration;
together with an Act of Parliament, enabling the East India Compa-
ny, to export their Teas into America, Free of all Duties & Customs
in England, but liable to the Rules, Customs, Regulations, & Penalties
in America; as are provided by the revenue Act; We are justly
alarmed, at this Detestable Craft and Policy, of the Ministry; to
deprive us of our American Liberties, Transmitted to us by our
Worthy Ancestors, at no less expence, than that of their Blood and
Treasure. That since our Renowned Forefathers freely paid, that they
might transmit those Glorious Liberties as a free, full, and fair In-
heritance to Posterity; which Liberties, through the indulgent Smiles
of Heaven, we have Possessed in peace and Quietness, till within a
few years Past (excepting in the Reign of the Detestable Stewart)
but now Behold! the pleasing scene is changed, the British Minis-
try, Assisted by the Inevitable Enemies to American Liberty, on this
as well as on the other side of the Atlantick; combining together to
Rob us of our dear Bought freedom; have brought us to this sad
Dilemma, either to Resolve like Men in defense of our just Rights
and Liberties or sink under the weight of their Arbitrary and unconsti-
tutional measures, into a State of abject Slavery. — Therefore
as Freeborn Americans, Intitled to all the immunities, Liberties and
Priviledges of Freeborn English Men; we look upon our selves under
the Strongest Obligations to use our utmost exertions in defense of
our just Rights, in every constitutional Method within our Power
Even though the Cost of the defense should equal that of the Purchase
Therefore Resolved —

1st That as we are Intitled to all the Priviledges of British subjects
we have an undoubted and exclusive Right to Grant our own mo-
nies for the support of Government. and that no Power on Earth has
a right to Tax or make Laws, binding us, without our consent.

2^{dly} That the British Parliament laying a Duty on Tea, Payable in America
for the express purpose of raising a Revenue, is in our Opinion an un-
just Taxation, and that the Specious method of permitting the East India
Company to export their Teas, into the Colonies has a direct tendency
to rivet the chains of Slavery upon us

3^{dly} That we will lend all the aid and Assistance in our Power, in every
Rational method, to hinder the importations of Teas; so long as it is
subject to a Duty; and that this Town are well pleased with and highly
approve of that Resolution in particular, entered into by the Town
of Boston viz^t that they will not Suffer any Tea to be imported into
that Town while subject to an unrighteous Duty; and it is the desire
and expectation of this Town that said resolution be not relaxed in
any Degree; which if it should it would much lessen that confidence