

Non-Consumption and Non-Importation Agreement signed by the Inhabitants of Lenox 1774

Whereas the Parliament of Great Britain, have, of late, under taken to give and grant away our Money without our Knowledge or Consent, and in order to compel us to Servile Submission, to the above Measures, have proceeded to block up the Harbour of Boston, also, have or are about to vacate the Charter, and repeal certain Laws of this Province, heretofore enacted by the General Court, and confirmed to us by the King and his Predecessors: Therefore, as a Means to obtain a Speedy Redress of the above Grievances, we do solemnly and in good faith covenant and engage with each other.

1st. That we will not import, purchase or consume, or suffer any for, by, or under us to import, purchase or consume, in any manner whatever, any Goods, Wares, or Manufactures, which shall arrive in America from Great Britain, from and after the first Day of October next, or such other Time as shall be agreed upon by the American Congress: nor any Goods which shall be ordered from thence from and after this Day, untill our Charter and Constitutional Rights shall be restored, or untill it shall be determined by the Major part of our Bretheren in this & the neighbouring Colonies, that a Non-Importation or Nonconsumption Agreement will not have a Tendency to effect the desired End; or untill it shall be apparent that a Non-importation or Nonconsumption Agreement will not be entered into by the Majority of this and the Neighbouring Colonies, except such Articles as the said General Congress of North America shall advise to import and consume.

2ly. We do further covenant and agree, that we will observe the most Strict Obedience to all Constitutional Laws and Authority, and will at all Times, exert ourselves to the Utmost for the Discouragement of all Licentiousness, and suppressing all disorderly Mobs & Riots.

3ly. We will exert ourselves as far as in us lies, in promoting Peace, Love, and Unanimity among each other, and for that End we engage to avoid all unnecessary Law-Suits whatever.

4ly. As a strict and proper adherance to the Non-importation and Non-consumption Agreement will, if not seasonably provided against, involve us in many Difficulties & Inconveniences, we do promise and agree, that we will take the most prudent care for the raising of Sheep, and for the Manufacturing all such Cloths as shall be most usefull and necessary, and also for the raising of Flax, and the manufacturing of Linen—further, that we will, by every prudent Method, endeavour to guard against all those Inconveniences which might otherways arise from the foregoing Agreement.

5ly. That if any Person shall refuse to sign this, or a Similar Covenant, or after having signed it, shall not adhere to the Real intent & Meaning thereof, he or they shall be treated by us with all the Neglect they shall justly deserve, particularly by omitting all Commercial dealing with them.

6ly. That if this or a Similar Covenant shall, after the first Day of August next, be offered to any Trader, or Shopkeeper, in this County, and he or they shall refuse to sign the same, for the Space of forty-eight Hours, that we will from thenceforth purchase no Article of British Manufacture or, East India Goods from him or them untill such time as he or they shall sign this or a Similar Covenant.

Dated at Lenox-Witness our Hand, This 14th Day of July, AD. 1774:

Israel Dibble
Samuel Guthrie
Lazarus Hollister
Moses Miller
Bildad Clark
Jared Ingersol
Elisha Bangs
John Adam
Moses Wood
Timothy Way
Jedidiah Crittenden
Jesse Hollister
Isaiah Smith
Samuel Northrup
David Clark
Jacob Goodrich
Joseph Hollister
Isaac Bateman
John Morell
Prosper Polly
Timothy Steel
Noah Yale
Matthias Hall
Silas Blin
Paul Dewey
Timothy Crittenden

J. Josiah Smith
Titus Curtis
Thomas Tracy
Enos Curtis
Joseph Dwight
Rosel Ballard
Joel Blin
Moses Hyde
Charles Mattoon
Josiah Hollister
James Richards
Ephraim Cary
Roubon Root
Elijah Northrup
Samuel Munson
David Clark Junr
Eleazer Bannet
Rufus Branch
Solomon Hollister
Job St. Leonard
Uriah Cross
Thomas Gates
Samuel Jerome
Thomas Benedict
Charles Dibble
Thomas Steel

Oliver Belden
Caleb Hyde
John Paterson
Ephraim Smith
Edward Gray
Elias William
Allen Goodrich
Alexander Mackay
Abraham Northrup
Thomas Bateman
William Mailby
Luther Bateman
Israel Dewey
Elias Willard, Jr.
Matthew Miller
Ashley Goodrich
Reuben Sheldon
James Guthrie
Nathan Foster
William Walker
Samuel Whedon
Jonathan Hinsdale
William Martindale
Simon Willard
Caleb Bull
Samuel Bement

Lemuel Collins
Thomas Foster
Ebenezer Turrill
David Root
Jacob St. John
Daniel Keeler
Allen Goodrich
Stephen Crittenden
David Hinsdell
Gordon Hollister
Amos Benton
Ephraim Hollister
Samuel Wright
Jeremiah Hull
Nehemiah Tracy
John Gray
Samuel Goodrich
Zenus Goodrich
Thomas Landers
Gershom Martindale
Titus Parker
Ashbel Treat
John Treat

Asa Bacon
Hopson Beebe
Caleb Culver
Samuel Pond
Elisha Osborne
David Perry
Enos Stone
Elias William

I. James Richard
Junr. do sign the
whole of this paper
except those words
put in particularly by
omiting all
commercial dealing
with them. these
words i refuse
J.R