

A Resolution to Enshrine Religious Freedom Throughout the Colony of Virginia and Limit the Power of the Church of England

1 **WHEREAS,** Colonists of Virginia are not provided the right to choose their own
2 religious beliefs, with the church of England mandating the moral laws of
3 scripture; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The Church of England has held unchecked power in the colony of
5 Virginia regarding the prescription of laws; and

6 **WHEREAS,** We have seen violent protests and persecution amongst various
7 represented religions throughout the colony of Virginia as a result of the
8 unchecked powers of the church of England; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled call for religious freedom throughout
10 the colony of Virginia.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Representative Athey.

A Resolution to Support the Abolition of the Navigation Acts to Create a Better System of Trade for Britain and her Colonies

1 **WHEREAS,** The Navigation Acts have proven ineffective, oppressive and
2 inefficient; and
3 **WHEREAS,** The British Empire has struggled to enforce anti-smuggling
4 efforts of goods from countries other than England. This has lead to the
5 increase of piracy and the creation of unique courts called Vice-Admiralty
6 courts; and
7 **WHEREAS,** The acts limits on trade have caused widespread shortages of
8 products resulting in hardships for many Virginians; and
9 **WHEREAS,** These new court systems lack a jury and have proven rushed
10 and corruptible; and
11 **WHEREAS,** These new court systems, lack of jury and have proven
12 rushed, wasteful and corruptible; and
13 **RESOLVED,** That effective immediately, the Congress here assembled
14 support and call for the repeal of the navigation acts so that this colony
15 may trade with other countries ; and, be it
16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this chamber support a 10% tariff on all goods
17 imported from countries other than Britain to be paid to Britain in order to
18 compensate with in-exclusive trading rights.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Everett Beach.

A Bill to Bring Justice to Yorktown By Convicting the Tea Party Freedom Fighters

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Those involved in the Yorktown Tea party shall be sentenced to a jail
2 sentence of 4-10 years. The capture of these men will be facilitated by the
3 allocation of men to find the fiends.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The amount of men to be allocated to the capture of the fiends shall be
5 100 able bodied men. Bounties of 10 pounds will be put on each of the
6 perpetrators heads. The length of the court sentence depends on what the
7 courts decide.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The committee on Courts of Justice, Commerce and General Laws will
9 oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January first, 1775. All laws in conflict
11 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Georgios Bissi.

A Resolution to End the Boycotting of British Goods as a Result of the Articles of Association by Requesting a Force to Secure the Ports and Punishments for Smugglers

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Radicals from Virginia adopted the Articles of Association after attending a
2 treasonous convention in Philadelphia, resulting in the boycotting of goods
3 from the Kingdom of Britain as of November 1st, 1774 as a response to the
4 Coercive Acts.
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The impact of the boycotting of these products not only harm the economy
6 of the Kingdom of Britain, but the colony of Virginia; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Should those assembled care about the wellbeing of their colony, country,
8 and king, these boycotts must be ended immediately; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** If these conditions were to continue, we may very well see the irreversible
10 collapse of the economy, prosperity, and wealth of this colony and Kingdom
11 of Britain.
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That those here assembled request a force of approximately 50 men of the
13 British Army dedicated to addressing these boycotts by securing the ports
14 of Virginia; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a fine of 20 pounds and sentence of 1 year in prison be given to
16 the individual that is found smuggling goods to or from the Kingdom of
17 Britain.

Introduced for Debate by Isabella Catalano.

A Bill to Establish County Police Forces to Improve the Security of the Colonies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. An organized, salaried police force will be established in each of the sixty-one counties of the colony, to better enforce laws and maintain peace and order.

SECTION 2. Organized will be defined as having a definite hierarchy and chain of command. Police force will be defined as a body of law enforcement officers responsible for a jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. The attorney general will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

A. The colony's attorney general will appoint a police chief in each of the counties.

B. The chief will then oversee the hiring and maintenance of a police force as required of the size and population of his county, while following the directives of the attorney general.

C. The forces will be funded through a county tax, to be determined by the police chief.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 1775. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nicholas Coleman.

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A Bill to Establish Virginian Representation in Parliament

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Parliament of Great Britain will add two Virginian representatives to its
2 House of Commons to be elected every Parliamentary election cycle.

3 **SECTION 2.** Two Virginians being defined as two elected officials from the Virginia
4 Colony.

5 Representatives being defined as additional members to the House of
6 Commons, from Virginia.

7 Every Parliamentary election cycle being defined as every two years or at
8 the British government's discretion.

9 **SECTION 3.** The House of Burgesses will oversee the implementation of this bill.

10 a. The House of Burgesses will elect the two officials to represent
11 Virginia in the British Parliament.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect by discretion of the House of Burgesses.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eathan Ligon.

A Bill to Establish Colonial Militia Outposts to Protect Virginia Colonists

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Colonial militia outposts supplied with colonial forces shall be established
2 along the western border to protect against possible threats. The outposts
3 shall be supplied with newly trained recruits from the Virginia Colony.
4 These outposts shall be funded through a 5% import tariff on glass.

5 **SECTION 2.** Outposts shall be defined as defensive locations stationed along the
6 Proclamation line. Supplies include colonial or British produced weaponry,
7 rations, and other necessities of living like bedding. Recruits shall be
8 defined as willing and able men of the ages between 14-30.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Committee on Colonial Defense and Security shall oversee the
10 enforcement of the bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
12 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Connor Ward.