

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

Whereas the Parliament of Great Britain, have, of late, undertaken to give and grant away our Money, without our Knowledge or Consent, and in order to compel us to a 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 Person 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 <sup>disorderly</sup> 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 adherence 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, <sup>particularly by omitting all Commercial dealing with them.</sup>

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.

Witness our Hand, <sup>^</sup>Dated at Lenox This 14<sup>th</sup> Day of July, AD 1774.

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

Isaiah Smith  
Titus Curtiss  
Thomas Tracy  
Enos Curtiss  
Joseph Dwight  
Rozel Ballard  
Joel Blin  
Moses Hyde  
Charles Mattoon  
Josiah Hollister  
James Richards  
Ephraim Cary  
Roubon Root  
Elijah Northrup  
Samuel Munson  
David Clark Junr  
Eleazer Barret  
Rufus Branch  
Solomon Hollister  
Job St. Leonard  
Uriah Cross  
Thomas Gates  
Samuel Jerrom  
Thomas Benedict  
Charles Dibbell  
Thomas Steel  
Oliver Belden

Caleb Hyde  
John Paterson  
Ephraim Smith  
Edward Gray  
Elias Willard  
Allen Goodrich  
Alexander Mackay  
Thomas Landers  
Abraham Northrup  
Thomas Bateman  
William Maltby  
Luther Bateman  
Israel Dewey  
Elias Willard, Jr.  
Matthew Millard  
Ashley Goodrich  
Reuben Sheldon  
James Guthrie  
Jonathan 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 jr  
Stephen Crittenden  
David Hinsdell  
Gorden Hollister  
Amos Benton  
Ephraim Hollister  
Samuel Wright  
Jeremiah Hull  
Nehemiah Tracy  
John Gray  
Samuel Goodrich  
Zenus Goodrich  
Gershom Martindale  
Titus Parker  
Ashbel Treat  
John Treat  
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  
JR

Stephen Sikes  
Asa Bacon  
Hopson Beebe  
Caleb Culver  
Samuel Pond  
Elisha Osborne  
David Perry  
Enos Stone