

7. Appendices

List of Abbreviations

AA	Peter Force (ed.), <i>American Archives: Consisting Of a collection Of Authentick Records, State Papers, Debates, And Letters And Other Notices Of Publick Affairs ...</i> , 4 th ser., 6 vols., Washington D.C., 1837-1853.
BG	The Boston Gazette
JCC	Worthington Chauncey Ford (ed.), <i>Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789</i> . 34 vols., Washington, DC 1904-1937.
PG	The Providence Gazette
VMHB	Virginia Magazine of History and Biography
WMQ 3 rd Ser.	The William & Mary Quarterly, 3 rd Series

I. List of Associators and Non-Associators in the colony of New York, 1775

Towns	County	Date	Signer	Refused to sign	Exempt	Source
Goshen	Orange Co	29 April 1775	61	2		Calendar, I, p. 5
Orange Town	Orange Co	17 July 1775	39	13		Calendar, I, p. 5-6
Minisink Prec.	Orange Co.	24 May 1775	47	0		Calendar, I, p. 6
Haverstraw ¹	Orange Co.	May 1775	443	141		Calendar, I, p. 9-10
Goshen Precinct	Orange Co.	24 May -21 June 1775	248	9	43	Calendar, I, p. 10-12.
Cornwall Precinct	Orange Co	8 July 1775	567	65	-	Calendar, I, p. 14-17
Newburgh ²	Orange Co	6 July 1775	201	52 (13) ³		Calendar, I, p. 17-19
Total	Orange Co	1775	1606	295		
Mamakating	Ulster Co.	26 June 1775	96	0		Calendar, I, p. 24-25.
Rochester	Ulster Co.	6 July 1775	265	?4		Calendar, I, p. 25-27
New Marlborough	Ulster Co.	11 July 1775	230	38		Calendar, I, p. 27-29
Kingston	Ulster Co.	May-June 1775	618	33		Calendar, I, p. 29-33
Marbletown	Ulster Co	June 1775	294	1		Calendar I, p. 33-35
Hurley	Ulster Co.	6 July 1775	126	?5		Calendar I, p. 35-36
New Paltz	Ulster Co.	10 May 1775	233	8		Calendar I, p. 36-38
Total	Ulster Co	1775	1862	80		
Hempstead ⁶	Queens Co	4 April 1775	--	--		Calendar, I, p. 38-39
Brookhaven	Suffolk Co.	Mai-August 1775	325	125		Calendar I, p. 44-49.
Brookhaven	Suffolk Co	17 August 1775	244	?10		Calendar I, p. 62-64.
Huntington	Suffolk	8 May 1775	417	33	6 ⁷	Calendar I, p. 50-53.
Smithtown	Suffolk	May 1775	105	15 ⁸		Calendar I, p. 53-54
Islip	Suffolk	13 May	35	5	9 ⁹	Calendar I, p.

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		1775				54-55
Easthampton	Suffolk	5 May 1775	252	0		Calendar I, p. 55-56
Southampton	Suffolk	19 July 1775	351	5		Calendar I, p. 58-59
Total	Suffolk	1775	1729	183		
Total	Duchess Co.	June-July 1775	1650	835		Calendar I, p. 67-85
Townshend	Cumberland Co.	12 July 1775	58	0		Calendar I, p. 99
Weathersfield	Cumberland Co.	31 July 1775	21	3		Calendar I, p. 99

Source: Calendar of Historical Manuscripts, Relating to the War of the Revolution, In the Office of the Secretary of State. 2 vols., Albany, NY 1868, cited as Calendar I and Calendar II.

Explanations:

1. The following remark has been added to the list of signatures: “July 11, 1775, signed the Association & Published the Same before all the Spectators Calling them to Witness That we would Not Countenance Rebellion, Nor have No Hand in A Royat [Riot], but stand for King, Country, and Liberty, agreeable to the Charter, but at the same time disallowing texsation in any wise Contrary to thed Charfter, and shzall neaver Consent to Texsation without being fully Represented with out Consent.” (Calendar, I, p. 9).
2. The following text heads the list: “At a meeting of the Precinct of New-Burgh on thursday the 6th of July, 1775. In compliance with the Resolve of the provincial Congress of New-York Requesting us by the 15th of this Instant to make a Return, of the associators together with those that have Not --- we Lament Gentlemen that it is our unhappiness that there is such a Number of the Latter and a NUMBER AMONG THEM WHO ARE THE MOST DARING Presumptuous Villains often threatning Life, properties and Individuals Damning Congresses and committees Declaring they will Join our Enemies if opportunity Presents and by the general Spirit they Discover we conceive ourselves Exposed to their Bloody Principles unless some method can be fallen upon, for the preventing them in Carrying into Execution, their Wicked design...”. (Calendar, I, p. 17-18).
- 3 The numbers in parenthesis give those persons, who “on July 14, 1775 [have] sworn to abide by the measures of the Continental Congress.” (Calendar, I, p. 19).
4. The accompanying text mentions only that the lists “contains all the persons Names who have Signed the General Association within the township” (Calendar, I, p. 27). It is not stated whether all men aged between 16 and 50 years have signed the list.
5. Nothing is said about those who refused to sign the list (Calendar I, p. 36).
6. The Town Meeting passed six resolutions in which they affirm their loyalty to the king, praise the House of Representatives for its petition to king and parliament, refuse to elect

delegates for the next Provincial Congress because they reject measures „as shutting up the Courts of Justice levying money on the subjects to enlist men for the purpose of fighting against our Sovereign, diffusing a spirit of sedition among the people, destroying the authority of constitutional assemblies, and otherwise introducing many heavy and oppressive grievances..” Above all they declare themselves “adverse to all mobs, riots, and illegal proceedings” (Calendar, I, p. 38-39).

7. The word “Quakers” is added.

8 The heading contains the term “Recusants”.

9. In the headline: “These are of the People called Quakers”, who did not sign the Association, yet nevertheless declared that they support the aims of the Association as far as “is consistent with our Religious Principles” (Calendar, I, p. 54).

10. The accompanying text mentions that the list of those who refused to sign the list will be sent along; if that was so the list has not been published (Calendar, I, p. 62).

II. Notices to Boycotted Goods and pro-British actions in The Boston Gazette and Country Journal 1 January 1774 – 15 July 1776

Date	Township or County	Colony	T ¹	page	A. ²	Name	Incident	Resolution
14 Feb. 74	Shrewsbury	MA	N			“A Pedlar”	“30 lb of Tea”	“a number of Indians seized upon it” and “committed it to the Flames”
14 Feb. 74	Marshfield	MA	V	3	TM	Protesters	Approval of violent behavior in Plymouth by Town Meeting of Marshfield ³	Protest signed by 14 persons
28. Feb. 74	Sudbury	MA	P	4	TM	Tea Act		Resolutions against Tea Act
28 March 74	Plymouth	MA	P	2	TM		Against merchants that publicly offer tea for sale.	Such persons “is and ought to be considered as an Enemy to America; and that they will have no Dealings with such Men”
28 March 74	Plymouth	MA	N	2		Joyce Jr.	Resolution concerning Joyce Jr. in Boston	They intend to pay him soon a visit
4 April 74	Boston	MA	N			Joyce Jr.	Joyce responds to the Plymouth advertisement	He is well prepared for their visit
30 May 74	Providence	RI	P	2	TM	Tea Act	Resolutions of Boston Town meeting	They are approved
30 May 74	Providence	RI	P	2	TM	Slavery	Liberty	Resolution against slavery
30 May 74	Marblehead	MA	P	2	TM	Boston Port Bill	Resolutions of Boston Town Meeting	They are approved; a Committee of Correspondence is nominated
27 June 74	Boston	MA	A	3		British tyranny	A demand for “non-consumption	Those who do not opt for liberty, “must be regarded as an abandoned Wrench”
18 July 74	Eastham	MA	P	2	TM	Col. Williard Knowles	Sold tea of a stranded ship	Defendant apologizes, earlier condemnation revoked and Knowles declared “friend to this Country”.

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18 July 74	Glassenbury	CT	V	2	CC	Boston Port Bill		Sympathize with Boston's fate
5 Sept. 74	Sturbridge	MA	R	3		Abijam Willard	Resignation from the office of a Councillor	"Will maintain the Charter Rights and Liberties of this Province
5 Sept. 74	Charlestown	MA	R	3		John White	Address to Governor Thomas Hutchinson	"I am sorry that I have signed it" und bitter um Vergebung
5 Sept. 74	Sudbury	MA	R	3		William Baldwin	Address to Governor Thomas Hutchinson	"I am sorry that I have signed it", asks forgiveness, because he only tried to purchase chains for the Britzish Army.
5 Sept. 74	Cambridge	MA	B	3	TM	Francis Dana	Judge Trowbridge	He, Dana, has not said in the Township Meeting that Trowbridge as the author of the Intolerable Acts.
12 Sept. 74	Boston	MA	R	1		Ebenezer Brandish	Address to Governor Thomas Hutchinson	"I am sorry that I have signed it" and asks forgiveness"
12 Sept. 74	Cambridge	MA	R	1	CO	Antill Gallop	As Sheriff authorized "Precepts" according to the Judicature Act	Regrets his erroy and promises never to do it again.
12 Sept. 74	Weston	MA	R	1	CO	Elisha Harrington	As Sheriff authorized "Precepts" according to the Judicature Act	Regrets his erroy and promises never to do it again.
12 Sept. 74	Concord	MA	R	3		Charles Prescott	Address to Governor Thomas Hutchinson	"I am heartily sorry, for I did it in haste"
12 Sept. 74	Concord	MA	R	3	CO	Daniel Heald	Received from Sheriff drawn according to the new laws and distributed them	Promises "not to act as Deputy Sheriff ...under this new Mode of Government"
12 Sept. 74		MA	R	3		E. Pond	Address to Governor Thomas Hutchinson; affirmed the right of British Parliament to tax the colonies.	Regrets to have signed the address and denies that he believes the British Parliament has the right to tax colonies.

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12 Sept. 74	Marblehead	MA	R	3		John Fowle	Address to Governor Thomas Hutchinson	Regrets to have signed address and hopes for “forgiveness and perfect Restoration of Friendship”.
12 Sept. 74	Weston	MA	E	3		Elisha Jones	Commission under new government	Gives assurance that he will refuse commission under new government.
12 Sept. 74	Easton	MA	R	3		5 Personen	Signed “Paper relating to the Difficulties subsisting in this Province”	Regrets of having signed; it was done “without due Consideration”
3 Oct 74	Marblehead	MA	R	3		John Webb	Address to Governor Thomas Hutchinson	Regrets having signed and assures that “non shall be foremost in the Defence of the Liberties”
17 Oct. 74	Ashburnham	MA	R	1		Samuel Wilder	„my conduct in many respects with regard to public affairs“	“acknowledge myself to blame in many respects.” Promises: “I will not in any way make any sport or complaint of the treatment I have met with today”.
31 Oct. 74	Barnstable	MA	N	2	CO	Committee	Demand that courts should be convened according to Charter	Judges accept demand but demand that James Otis clarify the issue
31 Oct. 74	Plymouth	MA	N	4	CO	Committee	Demand that courts should be convened according to Charter	Edward Winslow declares for the Court that they will not convene.
7 Nov. 74	Annapolis	MD	R	3		Committee	Import of tea and paid Tea duty	Acknowledge their guilt; captain and merchants burn tea and ship.
21 Nov 74	Marblehead	MA	P	2	TM	TM	Association – Resolution of Continental Congress and instruction how to implement the Association	Nomination of Committee of Inspection and Observation. Town Clerk is instructed “for entering on the Records such Persons as should by the Province be considered and published as ‘Rebels against the State””
28 Nov 74	County of Barnstable	MA	P	1	TM	TM	Association and resolve of Continental Congress	Resolved that all should sign “Association” and in addition a “solemn League

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28 Nov. 74	County of Worcester	MA	P	1		Meeting of Blacksmiths	Meeting of the Delegates of the counties Worcester, Middlesex, and Essex with Committee of Correspondence of Boston	and covenant". All should elect a Committee of Inspection and Observation, suppress mobs, and peddlers of non-American goods, and attend military exercises. Resolve to deal with none, "whom we esteem enemies to this country". All "who shall not have signed the non-consumption agreement... or not conform to the association or covenant" are included in that group. Regrets his action because he risked that soldiers could have shot at people and thus defeated the latter's noble purposes. „I humbly confess my Errors and implore the forgiveness”
28 Nov. 74	Concord	MA	R	1	CIO	Joseph Lee	Has informed judges and court of imminent visit of „the Country.	Instruction how to implement the Continental association
12 Dec. 74	Cambridge	MA	P	1	PR	PR	Association of Continental Congress Address to Governor Thomas Hutchinson	Signed the Address hoping that it would favour a "Reconciliation" with England. Regrets his error and hopes that he thus can regain the confidence of all „true friends to the Constitution of both countries.”
12 Dec. 74	New London	CT	R	1	CIO	Philip Du-maresq	Implementation of Continental Association	Resolution "that each Town publish and distribute as many of the Association Papers as will serve every Master of a Family, who will then have his Duty plainly before him and enable him to

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2 Jan. 75	Preston	CT	P	1	TM	TM	Addressers to Hutchinson and violators of boycott.	They are denounced as “detach’d themselves and set up their sentiments in opposition to the millions of America”; they are “enemies to the common cause”
2 Jan 75	Wrentham	MA	N	1		Nathan Alldis	Accused of recruiting soldiers for the British Army	
2 Jan. 75	Wrentham	MA	R	1	CIO	Nathan Alldis et al.	Accused of recruiting soldiers for the British Army	Hand in their commissions, confess their errors and “promise to strictly ... to conform to the Association of the Grand American Congress.” The complete text of the recantation dated 21 Dec. 1774 ist printed in New York Gazette and Weekly Mercury No. 1215, 23 Jan. 1775, fol. 1.
9 Jan. 75	Boston	MA	N	1		England	On the general elections in England	Biting critique of English electoral system and the ridiculous small number of voters in some small boroughs.
16 Jan. 75	Petersham	MA	P	2	TM	Joshua Willard, William Barron, Thomas Beman, Joseph Stevens,	Entered into a Combination, „That we will not acknowledge or Submit to the pretended Authority of any Congresses, Committees of Correspondence or other unconstitutional Assemblies of Men, but will at the Risque of our Lives,	Town Meeting “is with great reluctance constrained to pronounce those, some of which have heretofore been our agreeable neighbours, traitorous Parricides to the Cause of Freedom in general & the united Provinces of N. America in particular.”

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						Moses McClellan, Luke Lincoln, Joseph Smith, James Jackson, Samuel Frizzel, David Stone, Robert Goddard, Ebenezer Bragg, Seth Hapgood, Dr. Ephraim Whitney	and if need be, oppose the forcible Exercise of such Authority”, whereby they “contumaciously compare the Strength and Wisdom of the Grand Council of America to an insignificant Mob and an unlawful Assembly”	
16 Jan. 75	Marblehead	MA	P	2	TM	TM	Some persons attempted to recruit soldiers for the British Army “for establishing in America <i>Despotism and Popery</i> ”	In order to defeat these efforts a “large Committee of Inspection and Observation” is elected „to attend to the conduct of ministerial <i>Tools</i> and <i>Jacobites</i> in this town”.
27 Feb. 75	Boston	MA	A	5		Anonym	An officer seems to be the author of the attacks published in the papers on the Rev. Gordon and on General Lee.	“This Debasement of character may doubtless in part be attributed to a certain Contagion” by those “who have been exposed to the pestilential conversation of the same Tory Junto of Parricides”. He should be forgiven.

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27 Feb. 75	County of New London	CT	N	5	CCs	CCs	Addressers of Thomas Hutchinson	Resolved, “that any person that shall have any commercial connection whatever with any of the Addressors to Governor Hutchinson, or with any of the Mandamus Men, is a violator of the true spirit and meaning of the Continental Resolves, and ought to be proceeded with as a violator thereof, and inimical to his country.”
27 Feb. 75	Boston, Marblehead, Wrentham	MA	N	5	CO	CO	Sabin Mann, captain of militia, Aldis, and Goldsbury had a man arrested for his role in forcing Aldis and Goldsbury to sign a recantation.	Aldis und Goldsbury accuse the man of having authored the recandation and demand £ 500 in damages; der Erztrory Richter Gridley, a high tory, refuses to admit a prosperous farmer as surety, because he did not reside in Boston; judge Quincy Sr., however, decides otherwise.
3 April 75	Boston	MA	R	3	CIO	Simon Tuffts	Accused of having sold tea to Thomas Lillie from Marblehead	Tuffts declared in a written statement before a justice of the peace that he had bought the tea before the Continental Congress had declared a boycott; he added that he supported the American cause, that he would cease selling tea and hope “for a Restoration of their Favour and Confidence”.
17 April 75	Sudbury, County of Middlesex	MA	P	4	CN	38 young men	On 24 November 1774 the men formed a group in order „to learn the military skills“, which is considered dangerous	The men declared that they considered the English laws unconstitutional. The meeting resolved that as long as the men stuck to their declared views they

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7 Aug. 75	Rehoboth, Swanzey	MA	P	2	CIO		The meeting had been informed that there were people „unfriendly“ to the American cause in Swanzey. The meeting resolved to ask a committee consisting of persons from Swanzey, Rehoboth and other neighbouring towns to investigate the rumour.	would not be considered as “enemies of the Country”. The committee reports that they had found some “unfriendly” to the American cause “who promised reformation”. The names of these persons were not published.
14 Aug. 75	Swanzey	MA	E	3		Jerathmeel Bowers	Jerathmeel Bowers rejects the protocol of 7 August 1775 which accused him of violating the resolutions of the Continental Congress.	Demands that the Committee prove its allegations.
14 Aug. 75	Rochester	MA	P	3	CIO		Charge unreadable	Committee resolves to have henceforth “no dealing” with the person
11 Sept. 75	Pownalborough	MA	P	2	CIO	Abiel Wood	Is accused of violating the Association, „spoke disrespectfully of the method recommended by the Provincial Congress for choosing Officers and said they were rebels and traitors, distributed Tory pamphlets because „they contained nothing but the truth“, prevented in 1774 the election of a Committee of Inspection	Before the Committee Wood reaffirmed his views, denounced John Hancock as a ringleader. The Committee declared Wood an “enemy to this country”. It prefaced its judgment with the following statement: “To deprive a Man of the benefits of Society by holding him up to the World as an enemy to his country, is a task that must be disagreeable to humanity.”

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							and Observation, considers the English laws constitutional and called the delegates to the Provincial Congress „damned villains“	
11 Sept. 75	Rehoboth, Swanzey	MA	P	4	CIO	Jerathmeel Bowers	In response of Jerathmeel Bowers' demand of 14 August 1775 the Commission publishes sworn statements	Witnesses deposit under oath that Bowers prevented the dispatch of Militia soldiers to Lexington and Concord and tried to block the formation of a Company of Minute Men as well as the storage of gun powder in Swanzey.
18 Sept. 75	Weston	MA	E	3	CIO	Asa Dunbar	Is accused of having behaved improperly on the last Fast Day	Justifies his behaviour with his religious beliefs and declares “that I highly respect and revere that authority”, which proclaimed the Fast Day. The Committee accepts the explanation as satisfactory.
25 Sept. 75	Swanzey	MA	P	2	TM	Jerathmeel Bowers	Town Meeting elects Jerathmeel Bowers as Moderator.	Town Meeting resolves to dismiss the Committee of Inspection and Observation, elects a new Committee consisting of Jerathmeel Bowers, William Brown, Capt. Luther Thurber, Charles Slead, Capt. Levi Wheaton, resolves further that Bowers had for years “warmly contended for the rights and liberties of America”, advocated opposition against England, and that his enemies had prosecuted him out of “envy, malice and revenge” in which they were sup-

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25 Sept. 75	Abington	MA	P	3	CC	Thomas Mansfield, Capt. William Tirrill, David Porter, Israel Levet, David Ellis	Are accused that "each of them refuse to comply with the Association of the continental congress	ported by a hasty Rehoboth Committee of Inspection and Observation. "And consequently prove themselves inimical to their country, and it is hoped that every friend to his country will withdraw all trading dealing and commerce with them."
2 Oct. 75	Waltham, County of Middlesex	MA	P	1	CIO	Eleazer Bradshaw, David Townsend	Accused of regularly travelling to Albany under the pretense of bringing furs to that town. In reality he bought tea which he and his partner then sold.	"we think it our Duty and desire that those Tea Merchants may be treated as their Merits deserve"
16 Oct. 75	Weston, Waltham, Newtown, Sudbury	MA	P	1	CIO	Eleazer Bradshaw	Accused of having bought tea at Albany and being „inimical to his country“ ... Bradshaw "frankly confessed he had purchased and sold a quantity of Tea ... and he would do as he thought fit in spite of said committee or any person, and would be the death of any person that should molest him".	"Therefore determined by this joint Committee, that Eleazer Bradshaw, by his conduct and behaviour, has proved himself inimical to his country, and that all persons be cautioned to withhold commerce and dealing with said Bradshaw, until there appears a reformation..."
16 Oct. 75	Waltham	MA	R	1		David Townsend	Declares that he bought six pounds of tea from Eleazer Bradshaw at the request of	Townsend declares: "which I am heartily sorry for that I had any thing to do with said Tea, and I hope the Public will

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16 Oct. 75	Cumberland, Wrentham, Medlingham, Hopkinton, Holliston, Mendon, Uxbridge, Upton, versammelt in Bellingham	MA	P	3	CIO	Cap. Edward Clark	Meeting has received "information for purchasing tea, contrary to the Association Agreement, in Article three" by Captain Edward Clark who admitted the charge.	"Resolved That said Clark's Conduct ... is in direct Violation of said Association Agreement, and that the said Clark is an Enemy to American Liberty and ought to be treated as such. And that it be recommended to all Persons who are Lovers of their country, and Friends to the common Rights and Liberties of Mankind, to break off all kind of Dealings with him, and that this be published in the Gazette."
30 Oct. 75	Pownalborough	MA	A	1	CIO	Abiel Wood, Thomas Rice, Timothy Parsons	Abiel Wood is accused of having delivered goods to the British army in Nova Scotia which represents a direct violation of the Continental Association Timothy Parsons accuses the Pownalborough Committee of Inspection and Observation of refusing to condemn Abiel Wood's behavior	Timothy Parsons raises a number of questions whose aim it is to establish Wood's corrupting influence on the Committee of Inspection and Observation of Pownalborough. In addition he charges Wood with attempting to prevent the militia from performing their military exercises
20 Nov. 75	Rehoboth, Swanzey	MA	P	1	GC	Jerathmeal Bowers	Presents the report of a Committee established by the	The House of Representatives Committee concludes: „they cannot find that

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4 Dec. 75	Rehoboth, Swanzey	MA	E	1	GC	Jerathmeal Bowers, John Wheeler, Isaac Barney	House of Representatives which exculpates Bowers from all charges.	Col. Bowers has acted a part unfriendly to his country, and are unanimous in the opinion that he, so far from wishing his countrymen to be deprived of their liberty or a single privilege, would exert himself to the utmost in the support of them”.
4 Dec. 75	Pownalborough	MA	E	4	CIO &CC	Timothy Langdon, Abiel Wood, Thomas Rice	Committee discusses the Report of the House of Representatives. It agrees that the report as such had been presented to the General Court but adds that the General Court refused to approve the report but rejected it.	The Committee therefore concludes that its sentence against Bowers is correct and justified and approved by the General Court. Bowers, who himself is a Delegate, is accused of trying to seduce the public.
4 Dec. 75	Pownalborough	MA	E	4	CIO &CC	Timothy Langdon, Abiel Wood, Thomas Rice	Langdon declares that after Abiel Wood had been declared an „enemy of the Country“, the Pownalborough Committee of Correspondence had conducted its own investigation and concluded that Wood was a „friend of the country”. Both findings were presented to the Provincial Congress which concluded first that the Committee of Inspection and Observation’s judgment was	On the basis of these resolutions Wood demanded that a Town Meeting be called. The Town Meeting then dissolved the Committee of Inspection and Observation; after the dismissal of that Committee the Pownalborough Committee of Correspondence again exculpated Wood.

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1 Jan. 76	Pownalborough	MA	P	3	GC, CIO	Abiel Wood,	correct and second, that the Pownalborough's interference was outside ist competence. The General Court referred the petitions of Abiel Wood and the Pownalborough Committee of Inspection and Observation to a special Committee whose report the General Court has approved	The special Committee found that the Pownalborough Committee of Inspection and Observation' condemnation of Wood as "enemy of the country" was justified and orders the arrest of Wood until he has posted a bond for his good behavior. The Committee expressly commends the Pownalborough Committee of Inspection and Observation for its decision.
22 Jan. 76	Granby	MA	V	4	CIO	William Eastman	Accused of "not attending to the recommendations and declarations of the Continental Congress and also for violating the resolves of the Provincial Congress.	Despite its intense efforts to convince Eastman of his errors the latter insisted on the correctness of his views and behavior, "does wholly refuse to comply with the declaration of the continental Congress in taking up arms in Defence of the Colonies, he also refuses to join the town in transacting any affairs relative to the public cause And who justified the late tyrannical and oppressive proceedings of the British parliament, all of which are aggravated by his holding a captaincy in the militia, under the power and authority of the administration." The Committee finds that he "ought to be held up to public view as

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29 Jan. 76	Philadelphia	PA	P	2	COC	Association (Explanation of the resolution of 1 January 1776 vom 2.1.76)	“divers honest and well-meaning but uninformed people in these colonies” are seduced by “ministerial agents” and “deceived and drawn into erroneous opinions”	an enemy of the Country...” It is recommended “to treat all such persons with kindness and attention, to consider them as the inhabitants of a country determined to be free, and to view their errors as proceeding rather from want of information than want of virtue or public spirit”
4 March 76	Boston, Hatfield, Stockbridge	MA	P	1	GC	Elisha Alliss, Major Gray	The General Court has received a letter from Elisha Alliss to Major Gray in Stockbridge that suggests that people in the western counties plan the large-scale counterfeiting of continental paper money The General Court resolves:	To recommend to the Committees of Inspection and Observation in the western Counties, to arrest all persons implicated in this plot.
11 March 76	Eastham	MA	V	2	CIO	The General Court resolved that shooting birds is forbidden	Joshua Higgins of Eastham is accused of having shot at birds.	“and refuseth to give the least Satisfaction to this Committee that he intends to reform”
18 March 76	Eastham, Chatham	MA	V	3	CIO	According to the resolution of the General Court of 11 January	Richard Burton, late schoolmaster of Chatham is condemned for “obstructing and discouraging the Currency and Circulation of the Bills of Credit emitted by the Author-	“the said Richard Burton may be treated as the Congress directs, he is thus published by order of the Committee aforesaid”

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22 April 76	Philadelphia	PA	E	1	COC	1776 Draft of Articles of Confederation	ity of Cognress” Printed in full .	
13 May 76	Boston	MA	V	2	GC	Independence Covenant	Townships are requested to instruct their Delegates, The General Court has agreed to and published the text of a Covenant which is circulated to that everyone can sign it and agree to	Whether they are entitled to vote for a declaration of independence Neither support the English Navy nor Army in whatever way but “on the contrary to defend by arms the United American Colonies and every part thereof...”
3 June 76	Boston	MA	V	2	GC	Publication of resolution	That the General Court should declare independence from England.	
1 July 76	New York	NY	V	1	PR	Resolve	Resolution that the Committees of Inspection and Observation should inspect prisons and hold their wardens responsible if prisoners escape	
8 July 76	Philadelphia	PA	V	3	COC	Beschluß	“All Persons abiding within any of the United Colonies and desiring protection from the laws of the same	Owe allegiance to the said laws” ... and those who nevertheless go to war against the colonies “are guilty of Treason against such Colony”. The colonies are recommended to pass proper legislation.
8 July 76	Barnstable	MA	P	3	TM	Resolve	“Whether if the Continental Congress should judge expedient to declare the United	“It passed in the Negative”. Against this resolution of the Town Meeting fifteen persons issued a public protest in which

Date	Township or County	Colony	T ¹	page	A. ²	Name	Incident	Resolution
							States independent they the Inhabitants of the Town of Barnstable would support the Measure at the Hazard of Life and Estate”	they argue that the resolution „disunited the Colonies”.

Explanations and notes:

- 1 Type of newspaper article: A = Article that expresses an opinion, N= news, P = publication of the resolution of a Committee or Meeting, R = Recantation; B = correction of report; E = declaration
- 2 Symbols for institutions: TM = Town Meeting; CC = Committee of Correspondence; CO = Court, CIO = Committee of Inspection and Observation, PR = Provincial Congress, CN = Convention, GC = General Court, COC = Continental Congress
3. The complete text: “We whose Names are hereto Subscribed, having been favored with a Copy of the Proceedings of the town of Marshfield, at their late Meeting of the 31st Jan. and having to our great Admiration observed in these proceedings a Clause to this effect – “We do renounce all Methods of Imposition, Violence and Persecution, such as has been most shamefully exercised upon a Number of Inhabitants of the town of Plymouth, by obliging them to Sign a Recantation as called, and in Case of Refusal, to have their Houses pulled down, or they Tarred and Feathered, and all this under the specious Mask of Liberty” --Do in this most public, explicit and solemn Manner Declare that we Signed the Recantation therein referred to, from a Sense of duty, and from a clear Conviction of the great Impropriety of our having Protested against the Proceeding of this Town, as well as those of the town of Boston, and indeed of the whole Continent: When engaged in a Cause, to which we are now, and always have been, hearty Well wishers --And we do further Declare that the Insinuations of the Town of Marshfield in the above cited Clause, are base, unjust, and void of Truth, and deserve in our Opinion, the Resentment of all, who wish well to this Country, and of us in particular. – We do therefore Resent such injurious Treatment, and do expect that the Committee of the town of Marshfield which Draughted the Resolve above refer’d to, do in the most unreserved Manner, favor us with the Name or Names of the Person or Persons who gave them the above unjust and scandalous information.” fol. 3.

III. New Jersey und Pennsylvania 1775-1776: Resolutions of Committees of Inspection and Observation: as reported in the Pennsylvania Gazette

Date	State	County	Name	Self-Denouncement	Reason for Accusation, Acquittal or Ostracism
9. Mai 75	DE	Kent	Robert Holliday		“Political sentiment ..grossest error .. many would flock to King’s standard”
11. Mai 75	NJ	Cumberland	Silas Newcomb		“Misconduct – abuses offered”
15. Mai 75	PA	Philadelphic City	Joseph Gallo-way	Yes	Correspondence with England, „inimical to liberties“
30. Mai 75	NJ	Burlington	Richard Palmer	Yes	“cursed the Presbyterians, Congress, Committee and the Gentlemen”
6. Juni 75	PA	Chester	William Moore		“Unguarded expression”
14. Juli 75	PA	Philadel-phia City	Amos Wickersham	Yes	“rash and imprudent expressions”
17. Juli 75	PA	Philadel-phia City	Mordecai Levy	Yes	“Disrespectfully of General Congress and of Military Gentlemen who defend liberties”
10. Juli 75	PA	Cumberland	Richard Cayford	Yes	“Endeavour to prevent meeting for electing committee of observation, recruit for Gage, correspond with Gage”
22. Juli 75	PA	Cumberland	Richard Cayford		“Declared enemy of the country”
14.Aug. 75	PA	Philadel-phia City	John Bergum		“derogatory to the liberties of this country”
4. Aug. 75	PA	Bucks	Thomas Mere-		“Talked injuriously of the distressed people of Boston ... disrespectful of

							measures against oppression”
20. Sept. 75	PA	Bucks	dith	Thomas Smith			“derogatory to ... Congress, invidious to a particular denomination of Christians” against “opposition of my countrymen to ministerial oppression”
2. Okt. 75	NJ	Hunterdon		Cornelius Williamson			“derogatory to ... Congress, and tending to impede the Opposition ... against Ministerial oppressions”
14. Okt. 75	DE	Newcastle		Alexander Porter			“employing his negroes ... on the day ... to be observed as a day of fasting”
24. Jan. 76	PA	Lancaster		John Moge			“Americans as traitors, in an actual state of rebellion, aiming at ... independency”
31. Jan. 75	PA	Philadelphia		William Jarret			“refused Continental Currency”
5. Feb. 76	NJ	Hunterdon		Nathaniel Blinks			“extorted upon his merchandize” ... is “enemy to the glorious struggle”
5. Feb. 76	PA	Philadelphia		Fa. John Drinker, Thos & Saml. Fisher			Refused acceptance of Continental paper money .., enemy to their country“
30. Jan. 76	PA	Berks		Gaius Dickenson			“depreciate the Continental Currency”
30. Jan. 76	PA	Berks		William Gilliland			“depreciate the Continental Currency
20. Feb. 76	PA	Philadelphia		Thomas Rogers			Refused acceptance of Continental Paper Money – “enemies of their country”
20. Feb. 76	PA	Philadelphia		Joseph Sermon			Refused acceptance of Continental Paper Money – “enemies of their country”
1. März 76	PAP	Philadelphia		Henry Juncken			“inimical to the noble struggle for LIBERTY” ... and “the Association in particular”
1. März 76	PA	Northampton		Johannes Ziglin, Sr., Johannes Ziglin, Jr.,			Misdemeanor ... entering into ... agreement ... unlawful combination, .. bid defiance to ... laws ... and .. resist .. civil Magistrates wickedly ..maliciously defaming and slandering ..Congress

			Thomas James, Jacob Hipge, Edward Evans		
26. März 76	PA	Philadelphia	Benjamin Sharpless		Refused acceptance of Continental Paper Money – “enemy of his country”
2. April 76	PA	Chester	Abel Green		“ungenerous reflections upon, or opposition to such measures as are...adopted for .. protection of.. Liberties”
16. März 76	PA	Berks	John Webb		“tearing out and trampling upon .. names of .. field officers of ..battalion of .. county”
4. April 76	PA	Berks	Jacob Rieth		“persuade ...good people in .. neighbourhood to refuse signing ..the association ... and oppose .. payment of ...fines laid on non-associators”
11. April 76	NJ	Gloucester	Lucas Gibbs		Refused acceptance of Continental Paper Money – “enemy of his country”
11. April 76	NJ	Salem	Peter Loudenback		“abusing .. magistrates in civil power, ..calling ...persons fighting in...glorious struggle a sett of rascally rebels, and that ..Congress ...be hung”
9. April 76	PA	Philadelphia	Townsend Speakman		Refused acceptance of Continental Paper Money – “enemy of his country”
	NJ	Hunterdon	John Snook		“speak in favour of ministerial oppressions against America, and wishing destruction to the Americans in opposing such oppressings”
11. Mai 76	PA	Berks	Nicholas Hermany		“discourage .. good people of this and ..neighbouring county (of Northampton) from taking up arms against Great Britain, and ...wrote ..letters for that purpose“
17. Juni 76	PA	Philadelphia	Thomas Lightfoot		“Spoken very disrespectfully of the Congress, ridiculed the Associators, and endeavoured to depreciate the Continental Currency”
15. Juni 76	PA	Berks	Mathias Roth und Jonathan Roth		“spreading a report, that the officers of the militia company of Colebrookdale township in the said county, had sold their men to the Colonel of the battalion to which they belong”
15. Juni 76	PA	Berks	Henry Kettner		“Greatly abused the persons appointed to collect the arms of the non-associators in the township of Bern, in Berks County, for which I was justly confined by the Committee of the said County.”

15. Juni 76	PA	Berks	John Ebeling	“no person who thath taken the oaths of allegiance to the King ought to be permitted to hold any office in the militia, and that Henry Christ, and Baltzer Geehr, Esqrs. Were unfit persons to be Colonels for that reason
13. Juni 76	PA	Northampton	Michael Ohl	spread ...throughout .. county, that ...Major Michael Pobst of ...2d battalion of Associators ... unjustly .. taken at Philadelphia Twenty Shillings per head for every subscriber to ... book of Association ... by which means many ... were deterred from signing or associating
13. Juni 76	PA	Northampton	John Romich und Joseph Romich	imprudently refuse ..deliver [guns] up ... refuse to pay any obedience to .. summons of .. Committee..., who were ... obliged to send .. Associators to compel us ...we did ... resist their authority by loaded fire arms”
28. Juni 76	PA	Cumberland	John Clark	“unfriendly to the liberties of the United Colonies – “enemy of his country”
12. Juli 76	PA	York	James Rankin	“makes suitable concessions (as he proposes) and gives sufficient surety for his good behaviour in future”
9. Juli 76	PA	Northampton	John Musch	“complaint of Peter Kachlein, Esq.... that a certain John Musch, ... falsely ... slandered him, by ... report, that he... was proffered ...2.000 acres of Land, as a bribe ... to keep up and support the Assembly of this province”
19. Aug. 76	PA	Philadelphia	James Thompson	“saying imprudent things inimical to the natural rights and liberties of America, and ...threatened violence ..to ..neighbours properties and families”
31. Okt. 76	PA	Philadelphia	John Baldwin	Refused acceptance of Continental Paper Money – “be committed to Goal, there to remain without bail or mainprize, until he shall be released by order of this Council”

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