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BOSTON, June 10, 1774.

GENTLEMEN,

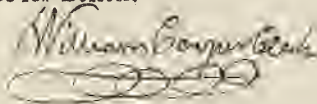
WHEREAS several of our brethren, members of the committees of correspondence in the neighbouring towns, have since our letter of the 8th instant applied to us, to know whether it was expected that the form of the covenant which we inclosed in our letter should be literally adopted by the several towns: We have thought it necessary to inform our respectable fellow countrymen, that the committee, neither in this or any other matter mean to dictate to them, but are humbly of opinion, that if they keep to the spirit of that covenant, and solemnly engage not to purchase any goods which shall be imported from Great Britain after the time stipulated, and agree to suspend dealing with such persons as shall persist in counteracting the salutary design, by continuing to import or purchase British articles so imported, the end we proposed will be fully answered, and the salvation of North-America, under providence, thereby insured.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your friends and fellow countrymen,

Signed by order and in behalf of the committee of
Correspondence for Boston.



Worcester June 13th. 1774.

GENTLEMEN.

MANY persons in this county conceiving that an agreement not to purchase the goods which are or shall be imported before the 31st of August next can answer no valuable end, provided the goods which might be thereafter imported could certainly be avoided: And as the committee of Boston in their last letter have informed us that they do not mean to dictate to us, and are of opinion that if we keep to the spirit of the covenant communicated by them, by solemnly engaging not to purchase any goods which shall be imported from Great Britain after the time stipulated, and agree to suspend dealing with such persons as shall persist in counteracting the salutary design, by continuing to import or purchase British articles, the end we proposed will be fully answered.

We are of opinion, that the enclosed covenant is by no means inconsistent with the spirit or intention of the form sent out by them: we therefore beg leave to present it to your consideration, and are with much esteem,

GENTLEMEN,

Your friends and fellow-countrymen,
by order of the committee

