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AN ASSOCIATION,
PROPOSED TO THE
LOYAL CITIZENS.

A GREEABLE to the Proclamation issued by His Excellency the Honorable Major-General WILLIAM HOWE, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, &c. &c. &c.

WE, His Majesty's loyal Subjects of the Town of Boston, being sensible of the Duty incumbent on us, "to do every thing in our Power, to support Order and good Government, as well as to contribute our Aid to the internal Security of the Town;"—NOW take this Opportunity to profess our firm Allegiance to His Majesty, and entire Obedience to His Government and Laws.

FROM a Disposition to continue quiet and obedient Subjects, we have generally neglected the Use of Arms while those of different Characters and Sentiments, have been diligently endeavouring to improve themselves in that Art. Upon these Principles, we have remained in, or fled to, this Town: Neither do we wish or design to leave it,

WE consider it as our strongest Duty to contribute our Aid in Promoting the Peace, Order and Security of the Town; and are willing to be employed, to these good Purposes, in the Ways and Means suited to our Capacities. TO THAT END, we cheerfully accept the Offers of his Excellency, and NOW VOLUNTARILY ASSOCIATE, for the Purposes mentioned in his Proclamation; hereby Promising, "that such of us as he shall think proper, or able to perform the Duties therein required, will be formed into Companies, as therein mentioned: And will, to the utmost of our Power, faithfully perform those Services, and punctually discharge the Trusts reposed in us. And, that such as are not able to go through those Duties, will freely contribute our Proportions, according to our Abilities, to raise a Sum of Money for promoting this salutary Purpose, to be applied to the Use of those, who are able, in such Manner as the General, or those he may appoint, may think proper.

