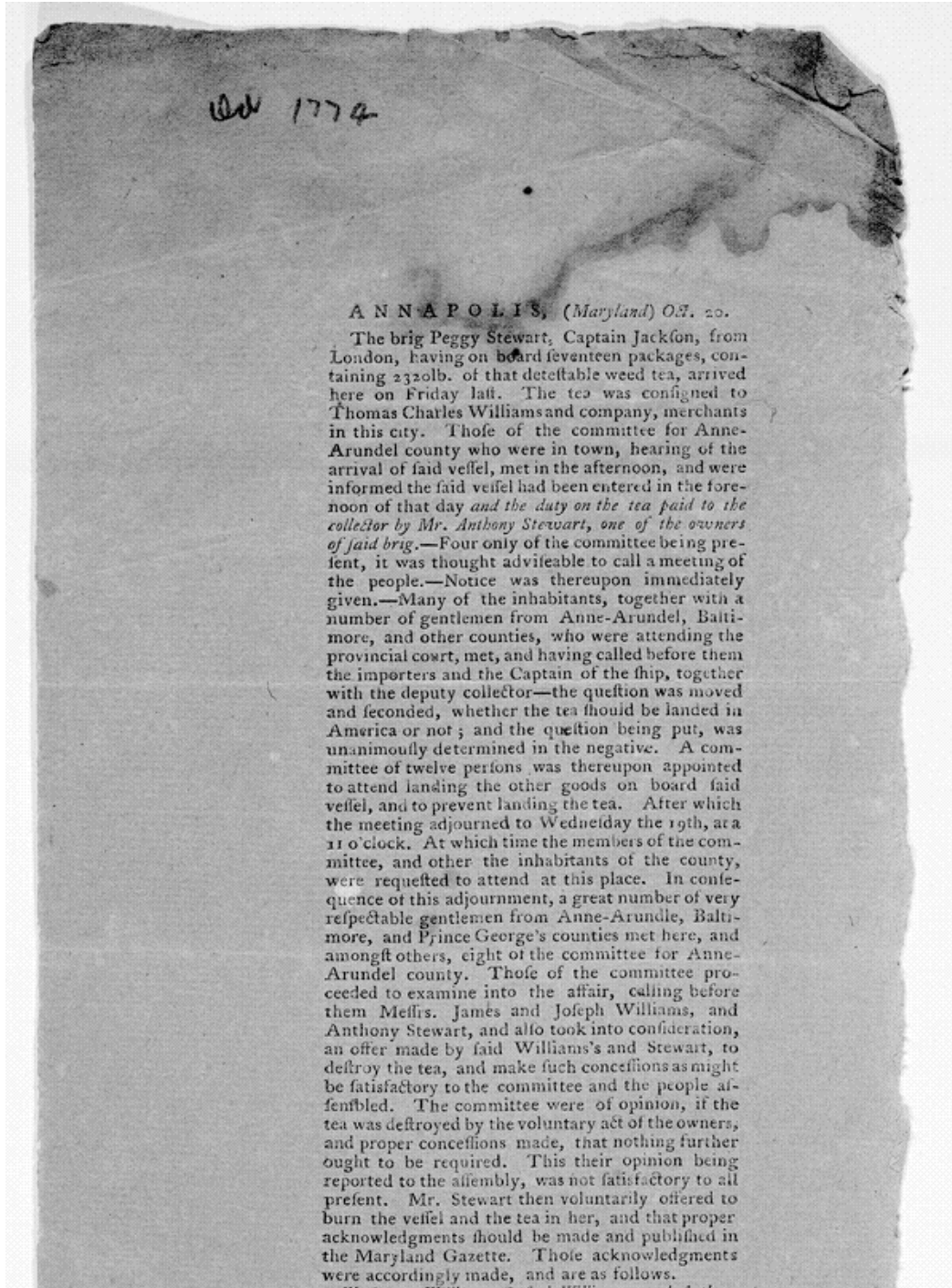


Peggy Stewart Broadside



were accordingly made, and are as follows.

We James Williams, Joseph Williams, and Anthony Stewart do severally acknowledge, that we have committed a most daring injury, and act of the most pernicious tendency to the liberties of America; we the said Williams sin in importing the tea, and said Stewart in paying the duty thereon, and thereby deservedly incurred the displeasure of the people now convened, and all others interested in the preservation of the constitutional rights and liberties of North-America, do ask pardon for the same; and we solemnly declare, for the future, that we never will infringe any resolution formed by the people for the salvation of their rights, nor will we do any act that may be injurious to the liberties of the people: and to shew our desire of living in amity with the friends to America, we do request this meeting, or as many as may choose to attend, to be present at any place where the people shall appoint, and we will there commit to the flames, or otherwise destroy, as the people may choose, the detestable article which has been the cause of this our misconduct.

ANTHONY STEWART.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS.

JAMES WILLIAMS.

After which Mr. Stewart, and Messrs. James and Joseph Williams, owners of the tea, went on board said vessel with her sails and colours flying, and voluntarily set fire to the tea, and in a few hours, the whole, together with the vessel, was consumed in the presence of a great number of spectators.

Annapolis, Oct. 18th, 1774.

The committee for Anne-Arundel county received information from Baltimore, that a considerable quantity of tea was expected on board the Generous Friends, Captain Nairne: The ship arrived on Saturday evening the 15th inst. and on examination, it did not appear by the cockets, or entry at the collector's office, that any tea had been on board. It appeared by a letter to Mr. Hodgkin, that six chests of tea had been shipped, and that Captain Nairne refused to sail from London until the tea was re-landed, for which conduct Captain Nairne had the thanks of the committee.

By Order,

JOHN DUCKET, Clk. Com.

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