

RS #11: The Edenton "Tea Party" (Adapted)

This is an extract of a letter from an unknown author printed in the Morning Chronicle and London Advertiser on January 31, 1775. The letter is from North Carolina and is dated October 27, 1774.

The leaders of North Carolina have resolved not to drink any more tea, nor wear any more British cloth, and many ladies of this colony have determined to show evidence of their patriotism, and have accordingly entered into the following honorable and spirited association. I send it to you, to show your fair countrywomen, how passionately and faithfully American ladies follow the worthy example of their husbands, and what opposition your Ministers may expect to receive from a people thus firmly united against them:

Edenton, North Carolina, Oct. 25, 1774.

As we must have an opinion on this occasion that affects the peace and happiness of our country and for the public good, we will enter into an agreement by a meeting of members chosen from the whole colony. It is a duty which we owe, not only to our near and dear friends and family, but to ourselves who are interested in their well being, to do everything that lies in our power to testify our sincere belief to the same. We sign this paper, as a witness of our intention and determination to do so.

Abigail Charlton, Mary Blount, F. Johnstone, Elizabeth Creacy, Margaret Cathcart, Elizabeth Patterson, Anne Johnstone, Jane Wellwood, Margaret Pearson, Mary Woolar, Penelope Dawson, Sarah Beasley, Jean Blair, Susannah Vail, Grace Clayton, Elizabeth Vail, Frances Hall, Elizabeth Vail, Mary Jones, Mary Creacy, Anne Hall, Mary Creacy, Rebecca Bondfield, Ruth Benbury, Sarah Littlejohn, Sarah Howcott, Penelope Barker, Sarah Hoskins, Elizabeth P. Ormond, Mary Littledle, M. Payne, Sarah Valentine, Elizabeth Johnston, Elizabeth Cricket, Mary Bonner, Elizabeth Green, Lydia Bonner, Mary Ramsay, Sarah Howe, Anne Horniblow, Lydia Bennet, Mary Hunter, Marion Wells, Tresia Cunningham, Anne Anderson, Elizabeth Roberts, Sarah Mathews, Elizabeth Roberts, Anne Haughton, Elizabeth Robert, Elizabeth Beasley