

Headings identical at large
V. H. of 7-11-1736

White persons, who have been in arms against the colony, shall fail to surrender himself, or themselves, to the committee of safety, within two months from the publication of this ordinance; and if any white person, or persons, shall hereafter aid or assist the enemy, by enlisting soldiers, giving intelligence, or furnishing them with arms, provision, or naval stores, or shall bear arms against this colony; all and every such person, or persons, so having borne arms, or hereafter offending in manner aforesaid, shall, upon being convicted as hereafter mentioned, be liable to be imprisoned, or otherwise confined in such manner as the committee of safety may direct. And proper persons shall be appointed by the committee of safety to take possession of their estates, both real and personal, and to cultivate the same to the best advantage, and pay the profits thence arising into the hands of the treasurer of this colony for the time being, to be disposed of towards satisfying the just debts of such delinquent, to be ascertained by the committee of safety; and the residue for the publick use, in such manner as the said committee shall think most for the advantage of this colony. And the principal estates shall be subject to the future determination of the convention.

Their estates, how disposed of.

Power of committee of safety to pardon.

Provided nevertheless, The committee of safety shall have full power and authority to pardon such as have heretofore been or shall be in arms against this colony, or shall otherwise offend as aforesaid, upon being satisfied of his or their repentance, and desire to be restored to the confidence of this colony, and returning to his or their duty; and in all such cases, the said committee of safety shall state the case of each offender to the convention, to enable them to determine what should be done with their estates.

And whereas it is essential to the peace, the happiness, and safety of this colony, that the continental association should be strictly observed, and that all violators of the same should be duly punished:

Be it farther ordained, That from and after the passing of this ordinance, all merchants, traders, or other persons, who shall import into this colony any goods, wares, or merchandise, contrary to the said continen-

Continental association enforced.

tal association (except in cases allowed by the general congress, or the general convention) shall forfeit the goods, wares, or merchandise, so imported; and if any person, or persons, so offending, shall refuse or fail to deliver up the said goods, wares, or merchandise, so imported; and if any person or persons so offending, shall refuse or fail to deliver up the said goods, wares, or merchandise, so imported; and if any person or persons so offending, shall refuse or fail to deliver up the said goods, wares, or merchandise, when required by the committee of safety so to do; he, she, or they, so refusing or failing, shall forfeit and pay the full value thereof in money; and, in either case, shall, moreover, be forever rendered incapable of trading in this colony. And if any person, or persons, shall hereafter put on board any vessel, or vessels, for exportation, or shall hereafter export any produce of this colony contrary to the said association, except as aforesaid, he, she, or they, so offending, shall forfeit the cargo, or cargoes, so put on board or exported, or the value thereof; and all and every vessel, or vessels, in which any such goods, wares, or merchandise, shall be imported, or in which any such produce shall be exported, shall be, moreover, forfeited to the use of this colony, and the monies arising therefrom paid into the treasury, for the publick use.

Penalty for importing goods, or exporting produce, contrary to the association.

Provided nevertheless, That no such vessel or vessels aforesaid shall be forfeited, except the value of the goods, wares, and merchandise, therein imported, or of the produce exported, exceed the sum of twenty pounds sterling.

Penalty for ordering goods to be imported.

And be it further ordained, That if any person, or persons, shall hereafter, by writing, or otherwise, order any goods, wares, or merchandise whatsoever, to be imported into this colony contrary to the continental association, except as aforesaid, all and every such person, or persons, so offending, shall, upon conviction thereof, be forever rendered incapable of trading in this colony; and every such offender, so convicted, who shall trade within this colony contrary to this ordinance, shall suffer, for every such offence, three months imprisonment without bail or mainprize.

Judges of admiralty appointed to decide penalties and forfeitures incurred thereby, that persons should be appointed to take cognizance of the same: this ordinance.

And whereas it is expedient and necessary, the better to determine all offences within this ordinance, and for the more speedy carrying into execution the several penalties and forfeitures incurred thereby, that persons should be appointed to take cognizance of the same: *Be it therefore ordained,* That John Blair, James Holt, and Edmund Randolph, esquires, or any two of them,