

(CIRCULAR.)

WASHINGTON, PA. JAN. 1st, 1822.
MADAM,

YOU are now addressed as a member of a republic, blest by nature with all the necessities and many of the luxuries of life—you are called upon by the general distress of our citizens, and the public shame of our country, to exert yourself as becomes an American, in co-operating by your example and principles to encourage the women of your neighbourhood and township, to rise in the strength of their virtue and love of country, and assist in wrenching assunder the bonds and fetters clibbed on us by the ministry of England through the medium of their manufactures. Were precedent requisite, a bright example of patriotism is afforded by the conduct of the women of the colonies (now the elder sisters of the United States) who, when the British parliament taxed them contrary to their character—the zeal of the daughters of liberty proscribed the use of TEA, and rendered the disuse of it a universal fashion:—all that is now asked of us, is to subdue our own love of the fantastic follies and extravagancies of dress. Certainly American citizens have not become

so degenerate as to be incapable of respecting their virtuous and sensible countrywomen, sitird in the manufactures of their own land. If they have, too soon will the British government have the pleasure of witnessing the hopes and wishes of lord North, the leader of the English ministry, realized by "seeing America prostrate at their feet"—Can it be supposed that Americans are solicitous of this disgraceful situation? No! no! The struggles of the glorious revolution are too fresh in the memories of the descendants of the sages and heroes who achieved it, for them to be content with so abject a station. Let us by retrenching our expences in dress—and supporting our own manufactures to the entire exclusion of all imported fabrics, teach proud Britain that the women of Columbia are truly republicans, and lovers of their country. Let us prove to them that we prefer simple attire and virtuous liberty to all their tinsels and crapes, associated with the oppressive taxes of a government like theirs—that we will not agree to place ourselves in a similar situation to that of the oppressed, yet noble inhabitants of Erin—that we will not agree to pay a tax for the light of

Heaven passing through our windows—nor for the hearths round which we can now sit, fearless of tax collectors—and that we are no longer, to be duped into the virtual payment to them, of a tax identified and confounded with the price of their manufactures—in a word, let us bear in mind the invaluable lesson, imparted by that philanthropic and profound statesman Barre, to the American Regulus, the great and lamented Quincy—"let us beware of tastely extravagance in our buildings, equipage and dress as a DEADLY POISON."

Believing that you are animated with feelings such as these, I beg leave to furnish you with the subjoined resolutions and the names attached in this borough, not doubting that you will obtain a number of the signatures of your female friends and neighbours.

It is suggested that meetings in the several school-houses would afford the easiest and speediest mode of effecting the object.

As it is proposed to publish a complete list of all the names procured in the county, distinguished by townships, be pleased to forward me yours by the first of February next.

Respectfully
K. De Morgan

And, now, let us offer for your consideration, the following preambles and resolutions.

CONVINCED that the encouragement of Domestic Manufactures, is indispensable to the substantial interests, the permanent welfare, and the real independence of the United States; and believing that a single Act, will conduce more towards the accomplishment of those invaluable objects, than ten thousand inconclusive professions.

Therefore, Resolved, That WE, the undersigned, will henceforward, confine our purchases, for the apparel of ourselves and families, to articles manufactured within the United States.

And not doubting, that these all-important ends may be farther promoted—a check given to the destructive extravagance which reigns even in the very poorest of our habits, and multitudes withheld, or converted from vice, by the encouragement of learning and by an extension of support to American manufactures, beyond the walls of our immediate households.

Therefore, Resolved, That WE will employ only such persons to spin, sew, knit, and weave, as will clothe themselves and families, exclusively in homespun; and appropriate a portion of the money arising from those labours, to the education of their children, or other relatives.

Which resolutions being adopted the following names were subscribed.

- Katherine Duane Morgan
- Margaret Orr
- Mary Wilson
- Charlotte Whitehouse
- Sarah Linville
- Eliza Lindsay
- Mary Lindsay
- Elizabeth Lindsay
- Jane Ann Middleton
- Christiana Middleton
- Catherine Long
- Olivia Whitehouse
- Sarah Barnes
- Ann Richardson
- Mary Morris
- Jane Gordon
- Sarah Eckert

- Eleanor A. Gordon
- Nancy Lattimer
- Jane Simonsen
- Susanna M. Mitchell
- Nancy Mitchell
- Louisa Schaffer
- Martha Scott
- Margaret Officer
- Mary Hornish
- Nancy Taylor
- Triffy Younger
- Elizabeth Bruner
- Mary Shephard
- Mary Miller
- Sarah Hornish
- Eliza Morris
- Margaret Sample
- Martha Pattysen
- Elizabeth Morrow
- Mary Ann Pattysen
- Sophia Chaplin
- Sally Caruth
- Mary F. Simes
- Dorothea Koch
- Martha Slagle
- Eleanor Harter
- Eleanor Edwards
- Nancy M'Beath
- Mary Cooper
- Mary Donaldson
- Elizabeth Ledlie
- Eliza Cooper
- Elizabeth Brown
- Mary Officer
- Margaret Herrah
- Rachel Prigg
- Rebecca Taylor
- Sarah White
- Ann Terry
- Jane Rea
- Ann Arnold
- Elizabeth Good
- Maria Good
- Maria Good, jr.
- Eliza Grimes
- Sarah Harter
- Elizabeth Vankirk
- Mary Phillips
- Mary Jones
- Eliza Garret
- Jane M'Dermut

- Fanny Wolfe
- Jane Ruth
- Sarah White
- Hannah Reed
- Sarah Kerr
- Eliza Hailman
- Elizabeth M'Cloney
- Elizabeth O'Hara
- Elizabeth Knox, jr.
- Sidney Allender
- Elizabeth Ramsey
- Rebecca Ramage
- Polly Marshall
- Sarah Griffith
- Jane Mullan
- Margaret Blenko
- Jane Morrison
- Mary Wilson
- Ann Brice
- Rebecca Denniston
- Sarah Wolfe
- Sarah Dille
- Ann F. Simes
- Hannah Taylor
- Sarah Hawkins
- Jane M'Clure
- Mary O'Hara
- Hannah Lattimore
- Mary Hull
- Margaret Maffut
- Mary Devore
- Dinah Rupie
- Barbara Waltz
- Susanna Roberts
- Mary Valentine
- Jane Scott
- Ann Baggalry
- Eliza Middleton
- Margaretta B. Daggs
- Margaret Robinson
- Rebecca B. Robinson
- Margaret Kerr
- Margaret M'Adden
- Mrs. Robert Anderson
- Isabella Thompson
- Martha Brown
- Elizabeth M'Clendon
- Mary Ann Walker
- Elizabeth Reichart