

**Plainfield, CT Town Meeting Minutes July 6, 1774**  
**(Transcribed by Kevin Grant)**

At a Town meeting legally warned and held in Plainfield July 6, 1774 Isaac Coit Esqr: Moderator.

This Town seriously taking into consideration, the alarming steps lately taken & taking by the Parliament of great Britain respecting the English Colonies in America, and in particular the late very extraordinary act for blocking up the Port and harbor of Boston and humbly of opinion

That this very extraordinary act is not only the creature of Revenge and the Exercise of meer Power without regard to Right of wrong but while inforced, perhaps one of the most flagrant instances of Tyranny that the annals of English History can furnish

That the Town of Boston and the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in their present situation ought to be considered only as the full objects of Parliamentary Chastisement and that the same iron Rod is now lifted over every other port Town and Colony, with all their inland Towns; under which they must in their turn inevitably fall victims, unless HE, by whom Kings Reign, should immediately, either turn the hearts of those in power or displace them or cause that British America, by an indissoluble Union of her sons, and a vigorous stand by their mates, to preserve their Liberties & Priviledges inviolate to posterity, should avert the Fatal Blow.

Therefore, Unanimously voted that resolves of the honourable general Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut, in May last, respecting the Liberties and Priviledges of the English Colonies, are most salutary, and very heartily adopted by this meeting: and that this the earnest desire of this meeting that Deputies from the respective Colonies meet, as soon as may be, in General Congress, for the purpose aforesd, in whose wisdom they can heartily consive and with whose result, they make no doubt they shall most heartily acquiesce: and that they most heartily Rejoice at the prospect of its speedily taking place

Voted, that we willing to contribute our mite with our neighboring Towns to those of the poor of Boston, that are or may be distressed by the late cruel and inhuman Act: and that Capt. Joseph Eaton, James Bradford Esqr, Mesr Robert Kinsman, Andrew Backus, Abraham Sheperd, Doc. Ebenezer Robinson, Joshua Dunlap, Perry Clark & Curtis Spalding, be a Comttee...to receive subscriptions for that purpose.

Voted, that James Bradford & Isaac Coit Esqr., Major John Douglas, Doct. Elsiha Perkins, and William Robinson, be a Committee to Correspond with the Towns of this and the neighboring Colonies-----

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**Vocabulary**

**Flagrant**-shockingly noticeable

**Annals**-record of events

**Chastisement**-to discipline

**Indissoluble**-incapable of being dissolved

**Acquiesce**-to comply without protest