The County of Barnstable

Declaration of Independence 1774-2018

Whereas there have been of late several acts of the British Parliament passed tending to introduce an unjust and partial administration of justice; to change our free constitution into a state of slavery and oppression, and to introduce Poverty in some parts of British America, &c.:

Therefore, we the subscribers do engage and declare that we will not accept of any commission in consequence of, or in any conformity to, said acts of Parliament, nor upon any unconstitutional regulations;

And that if either of us is required to do any business in our offices in conformity to said acts or any way contrary to the charter of this province,

We will refuse it although we may thereby lose our commissions.

Originally Signed on Sept. 27, 1774


Reaffirmed and Ratified on This Day Sept. 27, 2018

Board of Regional Commissioners

Leo G. Cahounes, Chair

Ronald R. Beatty, Vice Chair

Mary Pat Flynn, Commissioner