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From Boston Post-Boy & Advertiser, 16 November 1767:

Mess'rs Green & Russell,

Please to insert the following, and you'll oblige one of your constant Readers.

My Dear Countrymen,

YOU having been of late years insensibly drawn into too great a degree of *luxury & dissipation*, not only in the *West* and *East-India* productions ; but likewise in the unnecessary superfluities of European, enumerated in a late Vote of the Town of Boston, with many others that I cannot but think that the inhabitants of this and most of the other colonies have the highest reason to acknowledge their obligation to the Town of Boston, for setting so laudable an example, as by every prudent and legal measure, to encourage the produce and manufactures of this province, and to lessen every superfluous expence as much as may be ; by these means, if possible, to prevent the threatened loss of the *whole medium* of the province, partly by the remittances to Great-Britain of the duties laid upon many of our imports, and partly by the much larger export, thro' the hands of our merchants, of our gold and silver, in return for British commodities, many of which are absolutely needless, and with great part of the remainder we are indisputably capable of supplying ourselves ; and tho' they are not so well *dress'd* off as those of *Europe* ; since they cost us nothing but the labor of our *head and hands*, we ought with the [utmost?] thankfulness to use them, till our *artists* shall become more skilfull ; in which we have the shining examples of our *mother country*, and other

European states, at their respective commencement of providing necessaries for themselves ; which *all* are under as well a natural as moral obligation to do, as far as in their power. -- We would heartily, for this reason, recommend to every Farmer the growth of *Hemp* and *Flax*, that the linen manufactures may be especially promoted and encouraged by *all ranks* of people. -- Further, if we may be *excused*, we think it our duty to add, the most sincere recommendation of the disuse of the most *luxurious* and *enervating* article of *BOHEA TEA*, in which so large a sum is annually expended by the American colonists altho' it may be well supplied by the Teas of our own country, especially by that called the *Labrador*, lately discovered to be a common growth of the more northern colonies, and esteemed very wholesome to the human species, as well as agreeable. --

Thus my countrymen, by consuming *less* of what we are not really in want of, and by industriously cultivating and improving the natural advantages of our own country, we might save our *substance*, *even our lands*, from becoming the property of others, and we might effectually preserve our *virtue* and our *liberty*, to the latest posterity. *Blessings*, surely, which no man, while in the exercise of his reason will contentedly part with, for a *few foreign trifles*.

Save your Money, and save your Country !

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From Boston Page-Boy & Advertiser, 16 November 1767:

Address to the LADIES.

*Young ladies in town, and those that live round,
Let a friend at this season advise you :
Since money's so scarce, and times growing worse
Strange things may soon hap and surprize you :
First then, throw aside your high top knots of pride
Wear none but your own country linnen ;
of Oeconomy boast, let your pride be the most
What, if homespun they say is not quite so gay
As brocades, yet be not in a passion,
For when once it is known this is much wore in town,
One and all will cry out, 'tis the fashion !
And as one, all agree that you'll not married be
To such as will wear London Fact'ry :
But at first sight refuse, tell'em such you do chuse
As encourage our own Manufact'ry.
No more Ribbons wear, nor in rich dress appear,
Love your country much better than fine things,
Begin without passion, 'twill soon be the fashion
To grace your smooth locks with a twine string.
Throw aside your Bohea, and your Green Hyson Tea,
And all things with a new fashion duty ;
Procure a good store of the choice Labradore,
For there'll soon be enough here to suit ye ;
These do without fear and to all you'll appear
Fair, charming, true, lovely, and cleaver ;
Tho' the times remain darkish, young men may be sparkish.
And love you much stronger than ever. !O!*

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WOMEN PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE PATRIOT CAUSE, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY IN THE SAME MANNER AS MEN. THEIR RESISTANCE TAKES A DIFFERENT FORM. THE AUTHOR OF THIS ARTICLE RECOGNIZES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISIONS MADE BY THESE "FIRST QUALITY" LADIES. HIS DESCRIPTION OF HOME PRODUCTION LEADS TO OBSERVATIONS ON LOCAL PRODUCTION IN THE COLONY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

From Massachusetts Gazette Extraordinary, 24 December 1767:

We hear that there was held two or three evenings ago, an assembly of Ladies of the first quality, in a very respectable alley in Town, who have not wore ribbons for many years past, and who thro' a resolution to encourage to the most of their Power the manufactures of this country, have made spinning their only employment, and drink nothing at their meetings but *New England Rum*, the best part of their lives ; and the patriotism of the above Ladies is more illustrious and worthy of imitation, as *Rum* is the principal and almost only manufacture of this country--except a few shoes, (about 40,000) made annually at Lynn, and salt-fish, which we would recommend to the Ladies who are desirous of following the example of the above patriots, as the best thing they can take morning and evening by way of bread and butter with the home manufacture substituted to that pernicious and enervating thing called Tea. In order to encourage those that are willing to follow the above example we have the pleasure to inform our Readers that a very patriotic gentleman in the Town has written over his chimney-piece the following words, *No Tea, but as much New-England Rum as you please.*

We are assured from very good Authority, that there were made at Shirley within the last Year no less than forty thousand Watches, which will convince the Cavillers against the List of Proscribed Articles that it

was not without good grounds that that necessary Implement for 'em of Business was numbered among the Articles not to be imported, when we can make it so easily our selves: Nay we may perhaps next Year send Watches to Europe, and how much beter a Return will they be than Salt fish, Skins, and Boards.

If the *True Patriot* or any one else doubts of this, or attempts to assert the contrary in order to deceive the ignorant, we will in the next Paper, to silence these wretched Cavillers, give an account of the Workmen, and how many Watched each of 'em makes in a Day.

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VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF THE CONFRONTATION ON KING STREET APPEAR SOON AFTER THE EVENT. POWERFUL IMAGES OF COFFINS AND SKULL-AND-CROSSBONES PUNCTUATE NEWS ACCOUNTS AND DECORATE BROADSIDES. ARTIST HENRY PELHAM PREPARES THE FIRST, EMOTIONAL BUT INACCURATE, ILLUSTRATION OF THE EPISODE. PATRIOT ARTISAN PAUL REVERE OBTAINS PELHAM'S PRINT, WHICH HE BEGINS TO SELL A FEW DAYS LATER (WITHOUT PELHAM'S PERMISSION OR ATTRIBUTION). BY 1770, REVERE IS WELL KNOWN IN BOSTON AS A SILVER- AND GOLDSMITH AS WELL AS A SKILLED ENGRAVER. HIS SATIRICAL DEPICTIONS OF BRITISH COLONIAL POLICIES ARE KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE COLONIES. LIKE HIS EARLIER WORKS, THIS HAND-COLORED SCENE IS INTENDED TO BRING AUDIENCES AROUND TO REVERE'S POINT OF VIEW.

THE BLOODY MASSACRE perpetrated in King -- Street BOSTON on March 5th 1770 by a party of the 29th REGT.

Unhappy Boston! see thy Sons deplore,
Thy hallow'd Walks besmear'd with guiltless Gore:
While faithless P--n and his savage Bands,
With murd'rous Rancour stretch their bloody
HANDS;
Like fierce Barbarians grinning o'er their Prey,
Approve the Carnage and enjoy the Day.
If scalding drops from Rage from Anguish Wrung
If speechless Sorrows lab'ring for a Tongue.
Or if a weeping World can ought appease
The plaintive Ghosts of Victims such as these;
A glorious Tribute which embalms the Dead,
But know, FATE Summons to that awful Goal.
Where JUSTICE strips the Murd'rer of his Soul;
Should Venal C -- ts the scandal of the Land,
Snatch the relentless Villain from her Hand,
Keen Execrations on this Plate inscrib'd,
Shall reach a JUDGE who never can be brib'd.



The unhappy Sufferers were Messs. SAML. GRAY SAML MAVERICK, JAMS CALDWELL, CRISPUS ATTUCKS & PATK CARR
Killed. Six wounded; two of them (CHRISTR MONK & JOHN CLARK) Mortally