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It was thrown out in debate by a principal mem-
ber of administration, that it would be proper to
alter the charters of Connecticut and Rhode-Island.

Inclosed we send you a copy of the Resolutions
passed in a committee of the whole house on Thurs-
day last, which are to be reported on Monday. It
is said that these Resolutions are to be the founda-
tion of several bills to be brought in, but the por-
port of these bills we have not yet learnt with suffi-
cient certainty.

We send you likewise a copy of Lord Chatham's
first motion in the House of Lords, and of his plan
of a bill for settling the troubles between Great-Bri-
tain and the Colonies; both which were rejected on
the first reading.

With great respect we are, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

(Signed)

WILLIAM BOLLAN,

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN,

ARTHUR LEE.

The papers referred to in the foregoing letter, be-
ing published in the news-papers, it is not necessary
to insert them.

Mr. Hancock laid before the Congress, a letter
from the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts-Bay,
together with certain resolutions formed by said
Congress, and a copy of a letter sent by said Con-
gress to their Agent in England, and an address to
the inhabitants of Great-Britain, on the late en-
gagement between the troops under General Gage
and the inhabitants of Massachusetts-Bay; also a
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