

sied to the lieutenant-governor, that he was willing the 29th regiment, who had rendered themselves in a special manner obnoxious to the people by the concern they had in this unhappy affair, should be placed in the barracks at the castle, till he could receive orders from the general; the lieutenant-governor acquainted the committee accordingly, and the council was adjourned to the afternoon.

In the afternoon, the lieutenant-governor received another message from the town, acquainting him that it was the opinion of the meeting, consisting of near 3000 people, that nothing but a total and immediate removal of the troops would satisfy the town; and Mr. Adams, one of the committee, told colonel Dalrymple, That if he could remove the 29th regiment, he could also remove the 14th, and that it was at his peril if he did not. The lieutenant-governor laid the answer of the town before the board, who, after fully debating the matter, unanimously advised him to pray colonel Dalrymple to order the troops down to Castle William.

Previous to this advice, Mr. Tyler had said, "That it was not such people as had formerly pulled down the lieutenant-governor's house which conducted the present measures, but that they were people of the best characters among us — men of estates, and men of religion: That they had formed their plan, and that this was a part of it to remove the troops out of town, and after that the commissioners: That it was impossible the troops should remain in town; that the people would come in from the neighbouring towns, and that there would be 10,000 men to effect the removal of the troops, and that they would probably be destroyed by the people — should it be called rebellion — should it incur the loss of our charter, or be the consequence what it would." Divers other gentlemen adopted what Mr. Tyler had said, by referring expressly to it, and thereupon excusing themselves from enlarging. Mr. Russell of Charlestown and Mr. Dexter of Dedham, confirmed what he said respecting the present temper and disposition of the neighbouring towns; every gentleman spoke on the occasion, and unanimously expressed their sense of the necessity of the immediate removal of the troops from the town, and advised his honour to pray that colonel Dalrymple would order the troops down to Castle William; one gentleman *, to enforce it, said, "That the lieutenant-governor had asked the advice of the council, and they had unanimously advised him to a measure; which advice, in his opinion, laid the lieutenant-governor under an obligation to act agreeably thereto." Another gentleman † pressed his compliance with greater earnestness, and told him, "That if after this any mischief should ensue, by means of his declining to join with them, the whole blame must fall upon

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