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MISSION 1: "For Crown or Colony?"

Boston Gazette's List of Importers, 1770

Benjamin Edes, along with his partner John Gill, helped support Patriot protests against the Crown's tax laws by publishing the names of every merchant who refused to sign the non-importation agreement on the front page of their paper. The list identified 12 merchants, including Theophilus Lillie, as "Enemies of their Country" and described the location of each shop so that townspeople would know which stores to avoid.

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John Bernard,
(In King-Street, almost opposite Vernon's Head.

James McMasters,
(On Treat's Wharf.

Patrick McMasters,
(Opposite the Sign of the Lamb.

John Mein,
(Opposite the White-Horse; and in King-Street.

Nathaniel Rogers,
(Opposite Mr. Henderson's Store lower End King-Street.

William Jackson,
(At the Brazen Head, Cornhill, near the Town-House.

Theophilus Lillie,
(Near Mr. Pemberton's Meeting-House, North-End.

Job Taylor,
(A little North of the Draw-Bridge.

Ame & Elizabeth Cummings,
(Opposite the Old Brick Meeting House, all of Boston.

Israel Williams, Esq; & Son,
(Traders in the Town of Hatfield.

And, *Henry Barnes,*
(Trader in the Town of Marlboro'.

IT must evidently appear, either by Importing British Goods contrary to the Agreement, or by breaking their Contract with the Merchants, that they have preferred their own little private Advantage, to the Welfare of America: It is therefore highly proper that the Public should know who they are, who have at this critical Time, so rudely detached themselves from the public Interest; and as they will be deemed Enemies to their Country, by all who are well-wishers to it; so those who afford them their Countenance or give them their Custom, must expect to be considered in the same disagreeable Light.

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Source: *Boston Gazette*, February 12, 1770