

#CONFUSION

Boycott!!!

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LETTER TO IT CELL MANAGER FROM A FRUSTRATED BHAKT

Pranam Sir,

I write to you with a heavy heart. Every few weeks the boycott rules change, and I no longer know whom to troll, whom to unfollow, or which post to delete before liberals dig it out.

After Galwan, I threw away my Chinese pickhari, smashed TikTok, and even considered sacrificing my Xiaomi phone (but EMI was pending). I even banned noodles at home in the spirit of nationalism. Now Modi ji is smiling with Xi Jinping. Sir, does this mean my wife can finally cook chowmein again, or must we keep treating thepla as the patriotic alternative?

Some months back it was Maldives. I shouted "Boycott Maldives!" and even lectured my Gujju neighbour's son for choosing it as his honeymoon spot. Today India signs a \$665 million deal with them, and I don't know whether to delete my posts or claim it as part of some grand masterstroke. Is there any official line for such U-turns?

About America, the least said the better. We built a mandir for Trumpji, called him Bharat's best friend, then he slapped tariffs and I proud-

ly poured Coca-Cola down the drain on camera. But now the same Gujju neighbour's son who I stopped from Maldives is begging me for help with an H-1B visa. Sir, how do I troll America while also arranging his recommendation?

Turkey at least was simple. We banned Turkish Airlines, Antalya beaches and baklava although no one was flying there as it was too expensive, and half the mohalla thought baklava was a tractor company anyway. Sir, does such virtual boycott still count as seva?

And now, Pakistan. Sir, this is the toughest. We are told to boycott Pakistan, yet a cricket match with them is coming up. If I switch off my TV, I miss Bharat's glory. If I watch, am I funding the enemy? Please clarify.

Sir, I remain loyal. But by the time I figure out whether to boycott, troll, or delete, liberals have already made ten memes. That's why I beg you: please issue an Official boycott calendar and a Standard trolling handbook. Without them, our great movement will collapse like those bridges in Bihar.

Ever loyal, but utterly confused,
Your obedient Bhakt.

(Disclaimer: Satire. No Bhakts were harmed in the writing of this letter, though several WhatsApp uncles may be deeply offended.)



The Notorious Edenton Tea Party



The women's resolution was reprinted in the Virginia Gazette on November 3, 1774.

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• Verna Mohon

In October 1774, Penelope Barker did what women of her time and social class weren't reared to do: figuratively, rather than literally, stir the pot.

The 46-year-old wife of a Colonial agent tasked with representing British interests in England, Barker led one of America's first recorded women's political demonstrations.

While her husband was stranded abroad amid the outbreak of the American Revolution, Barker convened a group of 50 women in her hometown of Edenton, North Carolina, asking them to sign a resolution supporting the boycott of British goods, including tea and cloth. "We cannot be indifferent on any occasion that appears nearly to affect the peace and happiness of our country," the document stated. The 51 signatures, affixed boldly and publicly in a resolution shared with newspapers throughout the Thirteen Colonies, represented a daring stand against British authority at a time when women's political opinions were often confined to their homes. They signed their names and sent the protest to London where it was published for



Barker's third husband, Thomas Barker.

King George III to see!

Many of the women who participated in the so-called Edenton Tea Party were married to men, including local politicians, lawyers, doctors, businessmen and planters, who held significant economic and political power within Colonial society. These wives were often the primary consumers and managers of their households, meaning they



A London political cartoon satirizing the Edenton Tea Party.

#MARKET CONTROL



A portrait of Barker hangs in the living room of her former home. Edenton Historical Commission.

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When news of the Edenton Tea Party reached London in 1775, a political cartoon mocked the women who'd signed the resolution as unfeminine and neglectful mothers. By highlighting the perceived masculinity of the women's actions, the drawing also demeaned Colonial men, suggesting that "the women are running the show here," says Debra

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Michals, a historian at Merrimack College and the author of She's the Boss: The Rise of Women's Entrepreneurship Since World War II. In Edenton, however, this tea party marked something more profound: a declaration that



International Bacon Day 2025

Observed on September 6, International Bacon Day is a lighthearted celebration dedicated to one of the world's most beloved breakfast staples. What began as a quirky tradition among friends in the U.S. has grown into a global event, with bacon-themed recipes, festivals, and social media tributes marking the day. From crispy strips to gourmet bacon-infused dishes, the occasion encourages food lovers to indulge in creativity and savor the smoky flavors. Beyond taste, it's also a chance to share laughter, camaraderie, and the universal joy that a plate of bacon brings to gatherings.



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Thomas Hodgson, a son of Barker and her first husband, John Hodgson, died in 1772 at age 25.

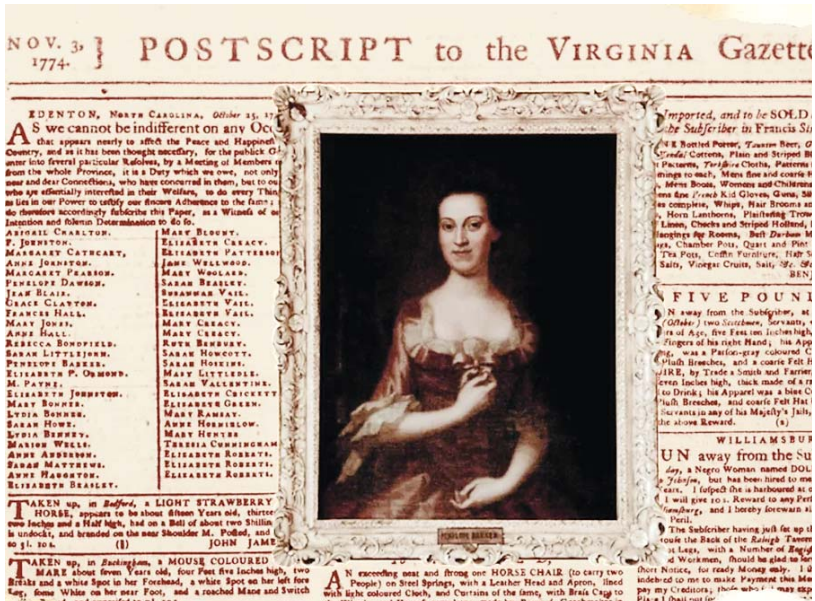
defined by the amount and quality of tea provided. Boycotting a substance that was consumed on a daily basis, and that was so highly regarded in society, demonstrated the colonists' strong disapproval of the 1773 Tea Act. The Boston Tea Party, in December 1773, resulted in Parliament passing the "Intolerable Acts" as proof of the Crown's absolute authority.

Following the example of their Boston patriots, the women of Edenton boldly protested Britain's what they considered unjust laws.

News of the Edenton Tea Party quickly reached Britain. During the 1770s, political resistance was common. But an organized women's movement was not. So, the Edenton Tea Party shocked the Western world. From England, in January 1775, Arthur Iredell wrote his brother, James Iredell, describing England's reaction to the Edenton Tea Party. According to Arthur Iredell, the incident was not taken seriously because it was led by women. He sarcastically remarked, "The only security on our side ... is the probability that there are but few places in America which possess so much female artillery as Edenton."

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#TOLL

Don't Throw them

The Importance of Toll Receipts in Case of an Accident: When Towing and Ambulance Services Are Involved

Accidents are unexpected, stressful, and often chaotic. In the aftermath of a collision—especially when it involves vehicle towing or ambulance services—documentation becomes critically important. While most people focus on police reports, insurance forms, and medical records, there's one small but powerful piece of evidence often overlooked: the toll receipt. Though seemingly minor, toll receipts can play a significant role in legal, medical, and financial processes following a road accident. Here's why they matter more than you might think.



1. Proof of Location and Timeline

Toll receipts are time-stamped and tied to specific locations, making them an effective way to verify your presence and movement on the road before an accident.

- Confirms where and when

your vehicle was on a toll road.

- Helps reconstruct the timeline leading to the incident.
- Can support or counter claims involving speeding or traffic violations.

2. Support for Ambulance and Medical Insurance Claims

In accidents where an ambulance is required, medical insurance companies often ask for evidence proving the urgency and legitimacy of the emergency.

- Toll receipts reinforce claims that the incident occurred on a specific route and time.
- They support ambulance

reports and hospital admission records.

- In the absence of witnesses, they serve as neutral, time-stamped evidence. Combined with medical documents, a toll receipt can help justify the emergency nature of the event and facilitate quicker insurance approvals.

3. Towing Services and Vehicle Recovery

After a crash, vehicles are frequently towed—sometimes from restricted toll zones or highways where specific rules apply.

- Toll receipts confirm that you entered a tolled area where assistance was required.
- Help validate claims with roadside assistance or towing services.

May be requested by highway authorities before releasing a towed vehicle or processing toll-related recovery charges.

- In many jurisdictions, accident support services are managed under toll road operators. Having proof that you were in their zone is often a required step for service claims.

4. Insurance Claim Documentation

Insurance providers require precise and accurate documentation to process accident claims—especially if towing, ambulance, or injury is involved.

- Toll receipts confirm the journey took place.
- They can support or validate information in police reports or claim forms.

In commercial use, they help prove the business purpose of the trip, which can affect the outcome of a claim.

- These receipts serve as a piece of the puzzle that helps insurers verify details and process claims faster and more accurately.



Final Thoughts: Why You Should Always Keep Toll Receipts

It's easy to overlook toll receipts. Most people discard them seconds after passing through a toll plaza. But in the event of an accident—especially one involving ambulance transport or vehicle towing—this tiny slip of paper can become a vital document.