

c. s. J. have received £5000 Currency from the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore in Consequence of an order for that Purpose.

Alexander Ross, according to Order, was brought before the Council and examined; and after Examination was remanded back in Custody of Captain Adams; And there-upon, Ordered That the said Alexander Ross deliver to Colonel Smallwood's Order all and singular his Papers of what Sort soever now at Daniel Grant's Tavern in Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Officer appointed to bring Alexander Ross's Papers from Baltimore Town have full Power to take Possession of the said Ross's Portmanteau and all the Papers lodged with M^r Grant, and to convey the same to the Council.

Adjourned till Monday Morning, 10 O'Clock.

Original.

[Ross to Council.]

Gentlemen: I have by your orders been in close confinement since last Wednesday morning, during which time, I have had feelings far beyond the Power of expression: Altho I am yet ignorant of the charge you have against me, I am persuaded nothing can appear, that was not more the effect of necessity than inclination, my wish therefore, is to be heard by you as soon as possible, when I doubt not you will act, and determine for me, with that temper and moderation which has hitherto been the result of your deliberations I doubt not of convincing you that my plan of life had been long settled before this unhappy affair, and that my Views were very different to what I am charged with: Maryland has always been my favorite Province, and it has always had my warmest & best wishes, and if I may be believ'd, I did it all the little service in my power while with Lord Dunmore.

You will be pleased to forgive me for troubling you at this time as your own feelings will point out my necessity: I am with respect,

Gentlemen your very hum^l Servant,

Annapolis 20th Ap^l 1776.

Alex^r Ross

Original.

[Extract from Proceedings of Baltimore Committee.]

At a Meeting of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County

14 April 1776 P. M.

Present Sam^l Purviance Chairman

William Lux Vice Chairman

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| John Smith, | W. Buchanan, | T. Harrison, | J. Boyd, |
| B. Nicholson, | J. Sterrett, | J. Calhoun | |