

Congress. If the Bermudian goes on in the manner you say, c. s. c. he will be so far from fixing the market price, that he will probably get no clearance. We have published an order against forestallers and Ingrossers, which you may see in the last paper, to which we refer you. We request you send the Galley and all her hands under Cap^t Davies' care as soon as possible up to Annapolis where we will endeavour to have them supplied with what they want. We are desirous of doing what lyes in our power to forward the public service, and hope you will dispatch the Galley and her hands up to us and for that purpose give the necessary orders to Cap^t Davey.

P. S. Seal the inclosed letter
and send it forward by express

We are &^c

M^r Stephen Steward

[Council to Calvert Committee.]

No. 117.

Jan^y 18, 1777

Gent. Inclosed we send you Copy of a Resolve of Congress against exporting particular species of provisions. We hear there is a Bermudian with you buying up pork at an extravagant price for exportation ; he ought to be cleared out, take care to obey the resolve of Congress. We are, &c.

Committee of observation for
Calvert County.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

No. 118.

Jan^y 18th 1777.

Gent. We received your favour of the 13th before it came to hand we had taken the step you recommend by convening the General Assembly to meet at Annapolis on Wednesday the 29th instant when we hope effectual measures will be taken to keep those who are disaffected or too much inclined to riotous and extrajudicial proceedings within proper bounds.

It gives us pleasure to be informed that your Committee have on all occasions exerted their utmost influence to preserve the peace of the State, and will continue to do it. We are much concerned that we have cause again to trouble you on behalf of Melchior Keener, who hath lately been very ill used as he alleges, by some Soldiers of Cap^t Nath^l Smith's Company, and others who came without any authority or warrant that he knows of, to search his house, and committed divers irregularities, two of the Soldiers were David Welch and Harry the drummer, as he informs us. the Whig club we take it for granted had no hand in this riot. We have