

mination of the Committee, delivered to them Yesterday; and that Vessel had received Orders from Mr. Dick, to take his Wood, Water on board, and that he should sail for London, with the Goods on board, if possible, if not prevented by Messieurs Samuel and Edward Dorsey, who had a board.

EBENEZER M.

February 9, 1770.

The Committee thought it their Duty to acquaint the Gentlemen, by Letter, that they did not think verbal Messages would satisfy the Public: That if they intended as they said, to send the Vessel back with the Goods, and would be pleased to signify the same, by Letter, it would be highly agreeable to the Public, and the Committee would do them the Justice to publish it with the Account they were preparing for the Press. To this they received the following Answer:

GENTLEMEN,

Annapolis, February 10, 1770.

“ WE don't make the least Doubt but Mr. Mackie related very exactly our Declaration of our Intention of complying with the Request of the Committee; and if you choose to take the Trouble of making further Enquiry, we must refer you to the Collector, and to Captain Errington, for the Steps we took, in Consequence of the Opinion you have been pleased to signify. As to our Thoughts of the Propriety of that Opinion and Resolution, we refer you to our Letter delivered to the Committee. We, you well know, are not the only Persons interested in the Cargoes imported in Captain Errington. Mr. Griffith has Goods on board the same Vessel, some of which he is *not*, according to your Opinion to receive; and others he is to receive. There are other Persons also who have imported Goods in the same Vessel, upon whose Case there has not yet been any Determination.

“ The Collector will not admit a partial Entry of the imported Goods. Can Mr. Griffith's Goods be delivered to him without an Entry? If all the Goods should be entered, will we have it in our Power to send back to England the Goods consigned to us only. Be pleased to favour us with your Opinion and Advice on this Head, and we shall be able more maturely to consider it, if given in Writing, in that Way, therefore we shall be glad to receive it. And are,

GENTLEMEN, your humble Servants,

JAMES DICK & STEWART,
JUDSON COOLIDGE,
MAGRUDER & HEPBURN,
WILLIAM M'GACHIN,
ARCHIBALD FUCHANAN,
WILLIAM LYON.”

“ P. S. We have taken the Liberty to enclose herein a Copy of the Letter, addressed and offered to the Committee, on Thursday Evening, for their Consideration; which Letter was refused to be received, because (as it was alledged) the Committee was dissolved. (The Letter here referred to may be seen in Page 23.)

Mr.