

Mem. of conversation  
with Col. Meyer -

Monday 20. April in the morning, Mr. Gale de-  
sired Mr. Potts & myself to walk out of the committee  
room to have some conversation with Col. Mercer. We  
went with Col. Mercer to the room adjoining the  
Committee room. The conversation turned upon an  
accommodation on the subject of amendments to the  
Federal government to be reported by the Committee -  
We expressed an earnest desire that we should all join  
in such amendments as might satisfy both parties, & that  
if this could be effected, the majority of the committee would  
support them with their influence both in Convention &  
all other places - Col. Mercer expressed the same wish  
& on our asking him to declare what would satisfy  
him he answered that if to the amendments at that  
time agreed to in Committee, we would add a secu-  
rity to the Militia from being liable to martial law in time  
of Peace, he would for his part <sup>make no farther opposition</sup> ~~propose no farther~~ ~~act~~  
~~transactions~~ - Mr. Gale, Mr. Potts & myself promised to  
agree to the provision respecting the Militia, & I understood  
that Col. Mercer agreed to make no farther opposition -  
The provision respecting the Militia, was introduced  
into the Committee some time in the same day, & Col.  
Mercer remarked that he had reason to think it would  
not be objected to - It was agreed to, and Col. Mer-  
cer afterwards proposed an alteration, to vest the  
Executive Powers given to the Senate, in a responsible  
Council, & advocated several new amendments propo-  
sed by Mr. S. Chase -

The above memorandum taken Tuesday Evening 29  
April - by W. T.