

C. S. J. Also to Benjamin Keene appointed Captain, John Keene Jun^r 1 L^t Richard Tubman 2^d L^t and John Griffith Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

The Proceedings of the Committee of Ann Arundel County having been read charging Stephen Gartrill during the Time M^r Richard Hall was on Duty at Baltimore Town with endeavouring to seduce said Richard Hall from his Post and the said Stephen Gartrill having been called upon and heard in his Defence; and alledging in Excuse that he was requested by the Wife of Richard Hall who had lately lost her Child to come Home, and that he had no Designs inimical to the People of this Province.

Ordered That the said Stephen Gartrill ask pardon for his Offence at the Head of the Elk-Ridge Battalion at the Time of their next meeting and that he be discharged on payment of one Moiety of all Expences attending the bringing him down to Annapolis and of the Guard staying here.

The Proceedings of the Committee of Observation of Ann Arundel County being read, charging James Morris with speaking Words inimical to the Liberties of America, and that he was suspected of other high and dangerous Offences and the said Morris being called upon and heard in his Defence.

Ordered That the said James Morris give Security for his Appearance before the Council of Observation on the first Thursday in April next, and for his good Behaviour in the mean Time and that he be dismissed for the present on complying with the above Order and paying one Moiety of all Expences attending the bringing him down to Annapolis & of the Guard staying here.

Copy of Letter N^o 73 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Ann Arundel County.

James Morris recognized to the Council in the Sum of twenty Pounds, and three Securities, Richard Hall, Alexander Melvill, and Stephen Gartrill in the Sum of ten pounds Currency each, for the Appearance of James Morris before the Committee of Observation for Ann Arundel County on the first Thursday in April next, and for his good Behaviour in the mean Time.

Ordered That the Petition of Henry Ridgely and others against issuing Commissions to the Officers of John Burgesses Company, be taken into Consideration on Wednesday the 3^d of April next, and that notice be given to the Parties to attend the Council on that Day.

Notice was given accordingly.

Ordered That Captain Joseph Robson of Dorchester County deliver to Captain Thomas Woolford 10 Musquets with the Accoutrements thereto belonging, the Property of this Province, which were received from the Committee of Kent County