

c. s. J. The Gentlemen of the Congress he had spoke of as acting in the Line of Moderation.

That they then informed his Excellency they were instructed to ask his Parole, that he would not leave the Province till the Meeting of the Convention the Governor complained of being unjustly suspected, gave them his Letters from William Eden Esq<sup>r</sup> his Brother one of the under-Secretaries of State, also from Lord Dartmouth: Copies of which he gave Leave to take, (and are inserted in the Letter Book) and desired Time till the next Day 12 O'Clock to give his definitive Answer.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Original.

[Hancock to Council.]

Philadelphia Ap<sup>l</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1776

Gentlemen

By the Letters of Lord Germaine to your Governour, Copies of which you have inclosed, it evidently appears that M<sup>r</sup> Eden has been carrying on a dangerous Correspondence with the Ministry of Great Britain, who seem desperately bent on the Destruction of America. The Congress therefore have come to a Resolution that the Person and Papers of Governour Eden be immediately seized, from which there is Reason to believe, we may not only learn but probably defeat, the Designs of our Enemies.

The Congress also being informed that there is one Alexander Ross in your Colony, who has lately been with Lord Dunmore, and is represented as a dangerous Partizan of the British Administration, him also the Congress are desirous of apprehending, and for that Purpose, have passed a Resolution, which you have inclosed with the other.

The Congress relying on your Zeal, confide that you will exert your best Endeavours in executing said Resolutions.

I have the Honour to be  
Gentlemen

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> h<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
John Hancock Presid<sup>t</sup>

The Honble The Committee of Safety of the Colony of  
Maryland at Annapolis

Original.

[Resolution in Congress.]

In Congress April 16<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Whereas information has been this day laid before Congress from which there is great reason to believe that Robert Eden