

c. s. c. any other Permit than to the Committee of Safety of Virginia, thither he went we are told, but could get no Permit to Dunmore, he got a letter 'tis said to the Committee of Hampton—they declined giving him any Passport; he went to Lord Dunmore without, and on his way back was stopt by Capt<sup>n</sup> Baron, who took from him some Letters to Governor Eden and particularly a circular Letter, also a private Letter from L<sup>d</sup> G. Germaine, which we take it for granted you have seen. some of the Committee of Baltimore assuring us that they forwarded Duplicates to the Congress. On Receipt of these Letters Monday Afternoon, we immediately gave orders to apprehend Ross, and the next Morning a Deputation from on board together with W: Paca Esq<sup>r</sup> then in Town waited on the Governor, shewed him the copies of the intercepted Letters, and requested a Sight of his Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> of August to Lord Dartmouth. The Governor declared to us that he had sent away the Copy of that Letter with all his other Papers of Consequence last Fall, and could not remember the particulars, but observed we might be convinced there was Nothing of a Nature unfriendly to the Peace of this Province, because the Troops going to the Southward were not ordered here. He asserted also upon his Honour that he had not endeavoured to enflame the Ministry by traducing the Characters of Individuals, some he had spoke well of, others he had recommended as Sufferers. The Gentlemen of the Congress he had spoke of as acting within the Line of Moderation.

The deputation informed him they were instructed to ask his Parole that he would not leave the Province 'till the Meeting of the Convention; he complained of being unjustly suspected, gave us his Letters from W<sup>m</sup> Eden Esq<sup>r</sup> his Brother, one of the Under-Secretaries, also from Lord Dartmouth (Copies of which we had Leave to take and herewith transmit you)—he desired Time 'till this day 12 oclock to give his definitive Answer: he has given it, and we send you a Copy thereof; we look upon it as giving his Parole in Effect that he will not leave the Province 'till the Convention, and will endeavour to promote the Peace thereof in the mean time: he wishes to continue in that Line of Conduct as long as he can consistent with his Station, and will not leave the Province, after the Convention, provided they will assure him that when he finds he can no longer stay with Peace and Consistency he may have Leave to depart and carry his Effects—this we promised to recommend to our Friends in Convention. W. P. agrees with us in Opinion that we may rest satisfied with this Answer and not call the Convention sooner than the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, unless some thing further should intervene. You have probably heard that our convention did not meet agreeable to