

An Express having arrived from Virginia with a Paquet directed to this Committee Inclosing a Letter to The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council of Safety of this Province with a Letter to The Hon<sup>l</sup> John Hancock Member of the Congress at Phil<sup>a</sup> and a Letter from the Hon<sup>l</sup> Council of Safety of Virg<sup>a</sup> to this Committee of which the following is a Copy.

Williamsburg 6 April 1776.

Gentlemen

We could not suffer a moment to pass before we transmitted the Inclosed Copies of intercepted Letters address by the Secretary of State to the Governor of your Province, which open the Schemes of Administration to us in a more explicit Manner than any other Intelligence we have been able to procure.

We wish you to transmitt Copies of these Letters to Congress without Delay

I am, For & by Order of the Committee of  
Safety of Virginia

Gent<sup>n</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
John Page V. P.

N. B. A certain M<sup>r</sup> Alexander Ross, who was refused a Permission by this Committee, has been on board, Lord Dunmore's Ship, and was the Person entrusted with the care of the enclosed Letters; he has escaped from us, but as we think him a Person inimical to the American Cause, he ought to be apprehended

J. P. V. P.

[Letters from Lord George Germain, printed on page 344.]

The Committee on maturely considering the same, and esteeming the Information given in the said Letters as highly Interesting to American Freedom Unanimously Resolved, That they be sent off to the Congress, & that Major Gist be requested to permit an Officer to carry the same.

Major Gist, being accordingly applied to, ordered Lieutenant David Plunket on that Service, and directed him to attend the Committee for his Orders, which he did, and the preceding Letters with one from this Com. to The Hon<sup>l</sup> John Hancock were delivered him, of which the following is a Copy.