

In Council of Safety Annapolis 17 April 1776

The Governour has given the Council Satisfaction from under his Hand, that he will not leave the Province till the Meeting of the Convention: And that he will use his Endeavours to promote the Peace thereof, while he stays

(Copy)

G. Duvall Clk.

Thursday Morning 18 April 1776

The Committee met. Present Sam^l Purviance Jun^r Chairman

And Buchanan John Smith Tho^s Harrison John Sterrett
W^m Buchanan John Boyd Benjⁿ Nicholson Ja^s Calhoun.
Jere. Townly Chace

Lieutenant Plunket returned from Philadelphia and brought a Letter from The Hon^l John Hancock Esq^r President of the Continental Congress to this Committee, of which the following is a Copy.

Phil^a 16 April 1776

Gentlemen

I received & immediately communicated to Congress your Letter of the 14th Ult^o with the Important Papers enclosed. In Consequence of which the Congress have Resolved, that the Person and Papers of Governour Eden be immediately siezed by the Committee of Safety, to whom I write by this Opportunity. The Person mentioned in the enclosed Resolution (M^r Alexander Ross) is represented as a dangerous Partizan of Administration, who has lately been with Lord Dunmore, and it is suggested, is on his way to the Indian Country to execute the execrable Designs of our Enemies. I have no Doubt, but you will exert your utmost Endeavours in siezing & securing him

I am with Respect Gentⁿ Y^r most obed^t Serv^t

John Hancock Pres^t

To The Hon^l Committee of Baltimore County

P. S. You will please not to make Publick mention of the Resolution respecting Governor Eden, until the Com. of Safety have executed it

Lieut^t Plunket also brought a Letter from the Hon^l Continent^l Congress to the Council of Safety at Annapolis, which was sent to them by Express by John Oumsetter

Agreeable to the Intimation contained in the Resolution of Congress just received by Lieut^t Plunkett respecting M^r A. Ross and his Papers, Mess^{rs} Tho^s Harrison, John Smith, &