

Which being read Resolved That this Committee do highly disapprove of the Chairmans Conduct in presuming to Act in any matter, without their Concurrence & Approbation, especially in Things, that so evidently do not come within their Jurisdiction. And with Regard to the Instructions given to Cap^t Sam^l Smith upon a late Pressing occasion, though the necessity of the Case may be urged as an Apology for them, yet this Committee always willing to move in the strictest Line of Duty, and desirous to preserve due Subordination and Order in the Community, do totally disavow and disapprove of them, knowing that the Power necessary in such cases is not vested in this Committee; But nevertheless we are fully persuaded, that the Chairman in issuing these Orders was actuated only by that uniform warm and zealous Attachment to our distressed and perhaps betrayed Country, which otherwise would have merited the Thanks of every spirited Friend of our Invaded Rights; And we trust, this well meant Excess in so interesting a Crisis will find a more easy Pardon with his vigilant Countrymen, than if he had been chargeable with a criminal neglect, or with a Timidity still more dangerous and blameable.

Lieutenant William Sterrett appeared before the Committee and produced an Order from the Council of Safety for taking into his Possession the Portmanteau & Papers of M^r Alexander Ross, and convey the same to Annapolis to the Council of Safety, on which M^r Thomas Harrison and D^r John Boyd were appointed to proceed to M^r Grants and examine the Seal of the Door, they returned and report, that the Seal was perfect, and the Papers and Effects were delivered according to order.

The following Citations were produced before this Committee

In Council of Safety Annapolis 20 April 1776

Ordered, That M^r Samuel Purviance Jun^r Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22^d Instant.

By Order,

G. Duvall Clk

In Council of Safety Annapolis 20 April 1776

Ordered, That M^r William Lux, Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22^d Instant.

By order,

G. Duvall Clk.