

In Council of Safety Annapolis 20 April 1776.

Ordered, That M<sup>r</sup> George Lux, Clerk of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> and bring with him the Proceedings of the said Committee in consequence of Copies of Intercepted Letters from Lord George Germaine to Robert Eden Esq<sup>r</sup> Deputy Governour of Maryland, which were transmitted to them by the Honourable The Committee of Safety of Virginia: and also all Orders, Resolves, Instructions, Requisitions, Letters, Papers, and Writings relative to, or concerning the same, which now are in his Possession, or were delivered to him as Clerk of the said Committee of Baltimore.

By Order,

G. Duvall Clk.

Upon which M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Purviance Jun<sup>r</sup> Chairman, and M<sup>r</sup> William Lux Deputy Chairman of this Committee applied for their Advice and Instructions therein, it was judged expedient, that they obey the said Citation but the Committee are at the same Time of Opinion, that the Powers vested in the Council of Safety do not justify the summoning any Member of this Committee to appear before them, unless they have been guilty of, or are charged with high and dangerous Offences tending to disunite the People of this Province in their present Opposition or to destroy the Liberties of America.

M<sup>r</sup> George Lux Clerk to this Committee, produced a Summons from the Council of Safety for his Attending them with Sundry Proceedings of this Committee on certain matters therein mentioned. Resolved, That he be permitted to take Copies of the said Proceedings, and Repair therewith to the Council of Safety, if he thinks proper

Extract from the Minutes

Geo Lux Clk

Original.

[William Lux to Council.]

Baltimore 21 April 1776.

Gentlemen. I have received an order by M<sup>r</sup> Quin to attend your Honorable Board tomorrow which I should very willingly obey, But as our Committee is to meet for the purpose of laying Taxes on Non-Associators, and we have appointed the attendance of all our Members I presume to hope it will plead my excuse for deferring it till Tuesday when you shall be waited on by

Gent<sup>n</sup> Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Will<sup>m</sup> Lux