

received no other Letters from the Ministry but what he gave c. s. c.
us up and which we sent you Copies of; We examined his Bureau and Closet and found several Letters in them from him to Administration and his Friends in England wherein he represents this Province in a favorable Point of View.

We were not without our Suspicions that a Plan had been concerted by the two Persons you mention, and have determined, if possible, to get to the Bottom of it—and for that Purpose on Saturday last, before the Receipt of your Express, issued our Order to M^r Samuel Purviance Chairman, M^r W^m Lux, Deputy Chairman, and M^r George Lux Clerk of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, to appear before us this Day, and to bring with them all the Proceedings, papers, Letters, orders, Entries, Instructions &^c relative to the intercepted Letters—we are resolved to have a full and open Examination of the Affair and shall then cheerfully submit our Conduct to the Public.

We consider the Authority of the whole Province trampled upon and insulted (if not conspired against) and having your Letters holding forth the same Sentiment, we have thought it advisable, as we know not to what Lengths this Matter may be carried, to call a Convention to be held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the seventh of May next, at which Time we shall be glad to see all the Gentlemen-Deputies, that can be spared from Congress. We shall endeavour to have all our Proceedings ready to lay before them on the first Day of their Meeting, and shall submit to them whether our Conduct has been either timid, inactive, or in any other particulars unjustifiable.

Our Proceedings with the Governor are such, as are in our Opinions in every Respect defensible; we are convinced from his Declarations and Answers & from his Manner of behaving to us, that he will not leave the Province. little Minds might have been gratified with actual Imprisonment and further Severities, but we do not imagine the Congress meant any such Outrage on Humanity. We have all the Advantages we could have had, if we had committed him to the public Goal, and we are persuaded many more. Nobody can believe that we are courting the Governor at present: 'tis the Peace and Happiness of the Province we wish to preserve, and we are persuaded that it will be best done by keeping up the ostensible Form of our Chartered Constitution. We feel for you; the Insult offered by M^r Hancock in not admitting you to his Presence must have been grating—our Province is the Object of Attention, and we are to be plunged into all the Horrors of Anarchy, only to gratify a few individuals out of Congress. However we shall still persevere in doing our Duty with