

[Geo. Lux to Jenifer.]

Original.

Baltimore 23 April 1776.

Hon^l Sir. I have been unwell for ten days past, nay have been most of the time confined to my Bed with a Fever, of which I am not yet well enough recruited to venture upon a ride to Annapolis. I hope the Hon^l Council of Safety will excuse my non-attendance for the above reasons I was confined to my bed at the time our Com^e reced the letters referred to in my Citation, and heard nothing of it till Sunday morning. I have agreeable to the Order of your Hon^l Board, copied the Papers referred to in your Summons, your Hon. Board, will excuse the Incorrectness, with which they are copied, as it is caused solely by my sickness, for I am at this moment hardly able to hold my pen :

I am with respect: Hon^l Sir y^r most obed^t Serv^t Geo. Lux.

To the Hon^l Dan^l of S^t Thomas Jenifer Esq^r Pres^t of the Co. of Safety at Annap^s

Wednesday 24 April 1776

c. s. j.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

M^r William Lux in Obedience to the Order of the 20th Instant appeared before the Council and delivered to them an attested Copy of the Proceedings of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County in Consequence of intercepted Letters from Lord George Germain to Robert Eden Esq^r Deputy Governor of Maryland, which were transmitted to them by the Honble Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock & met accordingly.

M^r Hands attended.

M^r Samuel Purviance Jun^r Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, in Obedience to the Order of the 20th Instant appeared before the Council, and was informed by the President that, Instructions of a very extraordinary nature from him as Chairman of the Committee of Baltimore County to Cap^t Samuel Smith and other Matters of great Importance had come to the Knowledge of the Committee of Safety, for which they had thought proper to call him before them to answer the Charge which they imported.

The Instructions were then read in Presence of M^r Purviance, and are as follow.

“ Sir

You are requested by the Gentlemen of the Committee to proceed in Cap^t Nicholson's Tender with any Officer he may