

C. S. J. send to assist you and such a number of armed men as may be necessary, and therewith proceed as speedily as possible for Annapolis.

Should you before you get there meet the Governor's Boat or Barge, you must by all Means endeavour to board her. And in Case Governor Eden, his Secretary M^r Smith, or M^r Alexander Ross are found on Board, you are by all means to seize their Persons and Papers and instantly return with them under the strictest Guard to Baltimore, for doing which you may depend on being protected and justified by the Committee and held blameless. In Case you should not meet such Boat or Persons, you'll please to proceed immediately to Annapolis and use every Precaution to prevent Alarm by obliging the men not appear in numbers on Deck, and causing the Boat to ly at Distance, whilst you go ashore with the Letter delivered you for the Gentlemen of Baltimore Committee who may be at Annapolis, whose Directions you'll please to follow after your Arrival there. You'll please to take Blunderbusses and any Qnt^y you see necessary of Arms out of Cap^t Nicholson's Vessel which he will readily furnish. Please to consult in every thing with the Officer w^h Cap^t Nicholson sends with you and let your measures be kept as secret as possible from the Men at least until it comes to the Execution. I am Sir on Behalf of the Comm

Your very hb^l Serv^t
Sam. Purviance jun^r Chair.
Balt. 14 Ap^l 1776.

To Cap^t Sam. Smith.

On the Back of the above Instructions was thus indorsed to wit,

“ Sir,

You will take Care to proceed with what Number of men you may think necessary out of your Company, agreeable to the annexed Instructions. Wishing you a pleasant and prosperous Voyage, am yours truly

To Cap^t Sam^l Smith.

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16 Ap^l 1776.

M^r Purviance was then examined concerning said Instructions and other matters, and his Examination taken in Writing, (a Copy whereof is filed.) He was told by the President he might be furnished from the Clerk with a Copy of his Examination in Order that he might explain such of his answers as he thought proper.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mess^{rs} Daniel and Sam. Hughes two hundred Pounds Currency.