

Ordered That Captain James Nicholson Major Mordecai C. S. J. Gist and Captain Samuel Smith immediately attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis, and that the Clerk make out and deliver to the Messenger separate Copies to be served on them respectively.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

In Council of Safety. Annapolis Ap<sup>l</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1776.

The examination of M<sup>r</sup> William Lux deputy chairman of the Committee of observation for Balt<sup>o</sup> County.

Q. Who made up and sealed the packet, that was sent to congress.

A. I did.

Q. Do you know what letters were contained in that Packett.

A. The letter of L<sup>d</sup> G: Germaine, letter in Gen<sup>l</sup> Lee's Hand writing to J<sup>n</sup> Hancock, and a private letter to a Gentleman in Philadelphia but does not recollect who. the letter from the Committee of Safety of Virginia was inclosed in the Packett to Balt<sup>o</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup>

Q. Was the Packett to J. Hancock very large :

A. No, small.

Q. Did you deliver it to the Messenger:

A. I delivered it to M<sup>r</sup> P[urviance] the let<sup>r</sup> directed to C[ouncil] of S[afety] was inclosed to us. it had the seal nearly tore off in opening our let<sup>r</sup> we des<sup>d</sup> Gent<sup>n</sup> app<sup>d</sup> to wait on you, to explain the Cause. we went to M<sup>r</sup> P. at 10 Clk. the Gent<sup>n</sup> who was to go Mess<sup>r</sup> to Phil<sup>a</sup> was in Bed at M<sup>r</sup> P. where we left let<sup>r</sup> When I rec<sup>d</sup> the packett, I did not open Gen<sup>l</sup> Lee's let<sup>r</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> P.[urviance]

Q. Did you know of any verbal or written Inst<sup>ns</sup> given to Capt<sup>n</sup> N.

A. No. the 1<sup>st</sup> I heard of it, was at Annap<sup>s</sup>

Q. Have not the powers of seizing the Gov<sup>r</sup> been assumed by persons other than C[ouncil] of S[afety].

A. Not by Comm<sup>ee</sup> of obs<sup>n</sup> for Balt<sup>o</sup> County.

Q. Have they not been assumed (generally)

A. They have.

Q. Have the Comm<sup>ee</sup> of Balt<sup>o</sup> any right to accuse C. S. of Timidity, inactivity or neglect of Duty.

A. No. the Comm<sup>ee</sup> think y<sup>r</sup> conduct meritorious.

Q. Had Gent<sup>n</sup> of Balt<sup>o</sup> Comm<sup>ee</sup> that were delegated to wait on us any other commands or inst<sup>ns</sup> than the delivery of let<sup>r</sup> to C[ouncil] of S[afety].

A. None. they tho<sup>t</sup> the delegation the most respectful mode of proceeding.