

c. s. J. Q. Why send let^r from Comm^{ee} of S[afety] of V[irginia] to us by a delegⁿ and not M^r Hancocks let^r

A. The let^r app^d to be defaced & we sent persons upon that acc^t

Q. How can you account for y^r Gentⁿ not shewing all your instructions.

A. They had no instructions. none were ever thought off.

A. Copy of the clause in the act (restraining Bill) of Parliament referred to by Lord George Germain: Provided always nevertheless, and it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in order to encourage all well affected persons in any of the said colonies to exert themselves in suppressing the rebellion therein, and to afford a speedy protection to those who are disposed to return to their duty, it shall and may be lawful to and for any person or persons appointed, and authorized by his majesty to grant a pardon or pardons to any number or description of persons by proclamation in his majestys name to declare any colony or province, colonies or provinces or any county town, Port, district, or place in any colony or province to be at the peace of his majesty:

In Council of Safety. Annapolis 24 April 1776.

Examination of M^r Samuel Purviance junior Chairman of the Committee of observation for Baltimore County:

1. Q. You have a letter from General Lee directed to you as chairman of the Committee of observation for Balt^o County, Will you produce it.

A. It is a doubt with me whether I can produce it in public with Honour. I will shew it to you in private:

2. Q. Do you refuse to produce that letter to us in council.

A. If I do, I expect a copy will not be taken.

3. Q. Will you produce it to the Council, Yea or nay.

A. Delivers it. The letter was read.

4. Q. Who made up the Packet to the Congress from your Committee.

A. M^r Lux I believe, I was not present when it was done.

5. Q. What letters were in it:

A. I do not know. there were very few:

6. Q. Was there any other Packet sent to Congress.

A. Not that I know of.

7. Q. Do you know any thing of an anonymous letter inclosed to M^r Hancock in the Packet:

A. No.

8. Q. Do you know of no anonymous letter or paper sent to Philadelphia.

A. I know of none: