

9. Q. You know of no anonymous letter to the following C. S. J. purport (reading a recital of it)

A. No.

10. Q. Nothing in your hand writing to that purport.

A. I wrote a private letter in my own name, & signed therewith, to Mr Hancock as a private person, & which I desired he might not shew to congress, It was principally relative to the letter I rec^d from Gen^l Lee. I mentioned likewise to him that three Gentⁿ of our committee were to wait on the council next day with y^r dispatches received from Virginia; That I would gladly go as one; but that I had reason to believe I did not stand in a favourable light with the council, who I understood had taken great offence at a letter or order I had written to Cap^t Nicholson at the time the Otter was in our river. I likewise told him my opinion, that I did not expect or had doubts whether the Council would take so spirited a step as to seize the Governor, And the event proves I was not mistaken. I believe I likewise mentioned to him y^r design of sending y^r tender to Annap^s to prevent the Governor's escape should he attempt it. A measure which appeared to me strictly proper, both from y^r tenor of the Secretary of State letters & General Lee's letter to me:

11. Q. You know of nothing sent from you, representing yourself as an object against whom the Council of Safety had levelled their power.

A. I had good reason to know I was disliked by the Council, but never had any apprehensions of their power against me.

12. Q. Have you ever represented yourself as thought by the Council of Safety, a warm hotheaded man, & that your power must be pulled down, or you would throw things into confusion.

A. I was well informed I was considered in that light by y^r Council & I have mentioned it in conversation to many of my friends

13. Question repeated.

Makes no answer.

14. Q. The question was asked again, & Mr Purviance desired to recollect.

A. It is very possible I may have made such representations in letters written to some of my friends, as well as in private conversation.

15. Q. Were they inclosed in the Packet to Congress.

A. I never wrote the congress upon any such subject.

16. Q. How long has it been since you wrote such letters.

A. I cant say. I never wrote any thing with a view to prejudice the Council of Safety: