

c. s. J. 17. Q. Were they written within a week past.

A. I believe not.

18. Q. Do you remember that you impressed Gen<sup>l</sup> Lee with an idea that the Council of Safety were timid & inactive:

A. General Lee seemed as well acquainted with public affairs in Mary<sup>d</sup> as I was: And it can't be doubted that we conversed on many public subjects. That I ever took pains to impress him with an ill opinion of the council I deny.

19. Q. Do you know of a single instance of inactivity in the Council of Safety with respect to Baltimore Town.

A. I do not know that I was called here to give my opinion of the Council of Safety, to their Faces But I know that I have heard many complaints, some of them perhaps I thought ill-founded: If I think otherwise of any other part of them I have a right to exercise my Judgment.

20. Q. Did we not give you the earliest intelligence on the late alarm.

A. You did every thing in your power. I have passed many encomiums on you for it, in private letters to my Friends.

21. Q. Did you not give instructions to Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Smith.

A. Yes.

22. Q. Were they under an oath of Secrecy.

A. They were not.

23. Q. Why was not Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith to consult the Council of Safety when he came to Annapolis:

A. It was my intention he should.

24. Q. Were his instructions to be shewn to the Council.

A. I did not tell him to shew them, but presumed when he got to Annapolis, he would be under their directions:

25. Q. Was Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith to consult the commanding officer and lay him under an oath of Secrecy:

A. I gave him no such orders, I expected he was to take directions from the Council.

26. Q. Did you expect the Governor was going down the Bay when you sent the tender:

A. My expectation was that the Governor would attempt to escape upon being informed his letters were intercepted, otherwise I should not have sent the tender, a letter I wrote to the deputation of the Committee will explain my conduct on that head:

27. Q. Have you a copy of that letter.

A. I have the letter itself.

28. Q. Your instructions were that the Governor should be carried to Baltimore Town. Why not del<sup>d</sup> to the Council of Safety.

A. I will give you my ideas of the matter. I conceived, that at the seat of Government he would have numerous