

friends & partizans, a clamour might be raised & a rescue attempted. I proposed carrying him to Baltimore & to put him on board the ship of War, where he would be treated like a Gentleman, and there to wait the directions of the Council of Safety, or Congress, whose prisoner I deemed him: C. S. J.

29. Q. Why were troops ordered from Baltimore and Captain Smith not to consult the commanding officer here.

A. The Committee were well informed that A. Ross was come to Annapolis and were afraid he might alarm the Governor, who would very probably attempt to escape, therefore troops or armed men were thought necessary should Cap^t Smith find the Gov^t attempting to escape, before he got to Annapolis:

30. Q. Were there any marines on board:

A. I believe there were either sailors or marines.

31. Q. You say the troops were sent to intercept the Governor should he have attempted to escape.

A. That was my intention, and my letter to the deputation from the Baltimore Committee, will explain the reason of sending the tender:

32. Q. You say you have the letter, produce it.

A. Delivers it, explains the reason of his sending the boat by referring to Gen^l Lee's letter, directed Cap^t Smith to apply to the Gen^t of Balto who, I thought would carry him to the Council of Safety to confer upon the measure.

33. Q. Why was the Governor to be carried to Baltimore if taken at Col. Fitzhugh's, would not the Commee of Calvert have taken care of him:

A. I gave no directions whatever on that subject, on condition that Cap^t Smith found the Governor attempting to escape before he got from Balt^o to Annap^s and I had not the least design of any thing save to prevent the Gov^{ts} escape.

34. Q. Did you not know the Council of Safety were sitting:

A. I expected they were:

35. Q. Was any other letter than the above wrote by you to the Balt^o deputation.

A. Not a scrape.

36. Q. Some Gen^t were sent to Annapolis to engage the commanding officer by oath to secrecy, do you know any thing of this:

A. No. I never entertained the most distant Idea of that sort. The Gen^t of the Commee and myself thought the intimation in Gen^l Lee's letter improper, and were doubtful whether it was a public or private letter.

37. Q. Do you know of any such intimation contained in an anonymous letter.