

c. s. j. A. I do not. I neither wrote any such, nor ever heard of any such:

38. Q. Do you know of any letter to the commanding officer here on the subject:

A. No. I did not suppose the commanding officer here could execute such an order, while the Council of Safety were sitting:

39. Q. Was this the reason that the picked men were sent:

A. No. the intention of sending them, is already explained:

40. Q. What time did you receive the dispatches from Virginia:

A. Sunday Evening:

41. Q. What time did you send them to Congress.

A. 4 OClk. Monday morning:

42. Q. Why was not the same dispatch used with respect to us.

A. We thought it most respectful to appoint a deputation to wait on the Council & the Gen^t could not go till the morning:

43. Q. Did you know what was contained in the packet to the Congress.

A. There was no packet for the congress. There were two or three private letters, & the let^r to M^r Hancock was in Gen^t Lees handwrit^g

44. Q. In your letter to the Gen^t from Balt. why was Cap^t Smith directed to go to Col. Fitzhugh's.

A. I did not order him to go there. I expected he would have orders from the Council to proceed there, in case the Gov^t had escaped before Cap^t Smith got to Annapolis:

45. Q. Did you give any directions to Capt. Nicholson verbally or in writing.

A. I had conversed with Cap^t Nicholson on the propriety of sending the tender, he concurred with me, & at my desire ordered the tender to be got ready.

46. Q. Did you see Cap^t Nicholson's Instructions to his Lieutenant.

A. Not till after the return of the officers & tender to Baltimore

47. Q. do you know of any intention to seize the Governor at Col. Fitzhugh's.

A. I gave no such instructions and know nothing of any such save what is hinted in Cap^t Nicholsons orders to his Lieutenant:

48. Q. If seized at Col. Fitzhughs why not sent to Commee of Calvert.

A. I have already informed you I gave no such orders to Cap^t Smith.