

cated as to others, and as he appears to have some influence among the Common people, the Committee thought it their duty to order him into Custody, and to be kept safe till your further directions can be obtained, If you chuse that he should be sent down to you, please to direct in what manner, and by whom to be guarded down, and at whose expence, as the Commanding officer here apprehends he has no Authority to act in the matter further then to guard him till your answer can be received : We are Gent^l Your most Humble Servt^s

Thomas Harrison
Ja^s Calhoun
Will^m Aisquith

And. Buchanan V. C.
Jn^o Merryman Jun^r
John Cockey
Jn^o Boyd.

Sentiments, opinions & assertions of Alexander Magee abstracted from a short conversation on Monday the 29th of April 1776 present Doct^r W^m Lyon, M^r Robert Lyon & myself, viz'

That Enroling and mustering was taking up arms against the King.

That it was flying in the face of & destroying the Constitution.

That it was perjury to such as had ever taken the oath of Allegiance

That the King and Parliament had a right to Reclaim the American Charters as forfeited :

That the American opposition to great Britain is not calculated or designed for the defence of American Liberty or Property, but for the purpose of enslaving the Poor People thereof :

That Americans were wrong in disputing the matter with Great Britain so far as an appeal to arms for which they had neither Officers, Men nor discipline.

That it was owing to the Lenity & forbearance of Great Britain why she had not convinced us of our Error ere now, two years being hardly sufficient to rouse her to a War with France or Spain much less with her own Subjects, but that after the great slaughter we should suffer the ensuing Campaign those who survived would think better of it :

That he (Magee) would join the Kings troops if he had an opportunity.

That signing a paper did not alter the heart & he knew there was thousands among us who had enroled that was still of his way of thinking :

That he would never pay any fine as a non enroler & would shoot any person who should attempt to execute his effects for that purpose

Test. W^m Buchanan