

“Baltimore February 22nd 1775 We are in such terrible confusion here with our Politicks, here is no depending on any thing, and that added to other things makes me wish myself out of the Province. C. J.²

We are little behind the New Englanders, Mustering, Purchasing Arms, Ammunition &c

We have some violent Fanatical Spirits among us, who do every thing in their power to run things to the utmost extremity, and they are gone so far that we moderate people are under a necessity of uniting for our own defence after being threatened with expulsion, loss of life &c for not acceding to what we deem treason and Rebellion.”

The Prevost and Family are very well. Our Publick Affairs vex him, and he wishes himself away, but I know not when, or if ever that will happen. A part of yours or any other Regiment I believe would keep us very quiet.”

The Committee then summoned M^r Christie to attend them, but being confined to his Bed he was unable to do it. They then sent Mess^{rs} James Calhoun, William Buchanan, Tho^s Harrison, Tho^s Jones, Will^m Goodwin and Isaac Vanbibber to wait on him at his house, and enquire whether the said Letter was wrote by him. The Gentlemen return and report, that M^r Christie had been shewn the Letter, and acknowledged that it was wrote by him, but requested that any further proceedings thereon might be postponed, until his health would permit his personal attendance.

The Committee not thinking it proper to comply with his request, as M^r Christie had confessed he wrote the Letter immediately give him notice thereof. Upon which M^r Robert Christie attended on his behalf, but it growing late and many of the members being with drawn, the Committee directed a Guard of 9 men under the command of an Officer to be placed round M^r Christies House, and then adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o’Clock.

Friday 14th July 1775.

The Committee met according to adjournment, present M^r W^m Smith Chairman and thirty two members.

They resumed the business of yesterday. M^r Robert Christie Jun^r attended and declared that M^r James Christie was very sorry for the Letter he had wrote Lieutenant Col^o Christie, that he did not mean any harm by it, and that he was very willing to acquiesce in the determination of the Committee. On motion, Resolved that D^r Jn^o Boyde, and M^r John McLure (Members of the Committee) do wait on M^r Christie and enquire of him who those moderate people were that united for their defence as mentioned in his Letter, and that they