

Business of the Province, and altho we cannot but be in some measure affected by the injurious insinuations thrown out in the resolves of the convention and Council of Safety Insinuations in our opinion continued and circulated to lessen in the estimation of our Countrymen the credit of those in whom at present the public authority in this province is placed, and are satisfied they will not tend to promote the harmony that at this critical period should subsist between the two colonies but may in our apprehension be attended with the most disagreeable and perhaps dangerous consequences, yet we shall with the spirit & firmness of men superior to little contrivances, and such provocations, disregard the injurious treatment these bodies have received or any that may ever hereafter be offered to us as a Public body, and shall steadily to the utmost of our power pursue every measure that in our opinion may conduce to the Safety protection and defence of ourselves & our neighbours or promote the General interest of America:—I have thus thrown together my thoughts, whether you may think of writing to the Committee of Safety of Virg^a or whether you may think of publishing any thing as a declaration to the people, I must repeat it, I think the shorter and more peremptory it is the better effect it will have, we are not accountable to them, for our conduct & therefore I am not for entering into a discussion of the matter with them. This letter has been wrote two or three days & I have not had an opportunity of sending it till now by M^r Lux I did intend to have set off for Annap^s to morrow as I am a little better than I have been, but M^r Lux informs me that the convention is to meet on the 18th if so it will be impossible for me to go down and be up here again & return again to the Convention without hurrying myself too much so I shall stay till I hear from you by Mr. Lux. I think as the convention is to meet shortly you need not hurry your answer or declaration but defer it for a post or two, pray present my compliments to all my brothers of the Council:—

I am dear Sir. Y^r most Obed^t Serv^t Cha^s Carroll.

Mount Clare Balt. County June 12th 1776.

To the Hon^l William Hayward Esq^r

[Calvert Committee to Council.]

Original.

In Committee of Observation for Calvert County June 12th 1776.

Gentⁿ We have received your letter 4 Ins^t concerning Cap^t Bealls complaint for want of house room for his troops, we in answer inform you that agreeable to our prior information we