

c. J.² The Company then proposed to put the youth, whose name is George Munro, under arrest, unless some person would be answerable for his appearance before the Committee on the next day. I refused to be answerable, so he had sentries placed on him, but afterwards he being sick & it seeming to be the wish of the Company that I should become answerable, I complied.

On Tuesday morning I saw him, & he expressed no apprehension about appearing before the Committee, and therefore, at the beating to Arms, I joined the Company, & never afterwards saw him being with the Company constantly till near evening, when I was sent for by the Committee & asked to bring M^r Munro, I went, but about noon a great number of men with loaded Arms having come to Town & declared their determination to Tar & Feather him, & having brought an old, lean, sore backed, dull horse, whereon to set him & drum him thro. the Town, whatever might be the sentiments of the Committee. The youth was struck with an agony of fear, and rode off. It must have been the fright, which induced him to go, for he had an opportunity in the night.

When it was found that he had gone, the people out of doors, having beset the Committee, became outrageous, and at last after I had done all in my power, with the utmost difficulty they allowed the Committee to grant me till Monday next to produce M^r Munro. I had before this sent two active men, appointed by the people, after him, at my expense, and there are two men gone since to whom I pay a Dollar a day each, pay their expenses and find horses

Notwithstanding all this, & that I made oath that I fully expected he would not have gone away before attending the Committee, the private animosity of some men, renders my property insecure & brings my family into the utmost terror. Jasper Wirt who built the house in which I have peaceably lived for these ten years has endeavoured to get people to join him in pulling it down, Alledging that when I drew the articles of agreement which he & I interchangeably signed & sealed, I read those parts only which I thought fit & passed over other parts, thereby deceiving him. Every part of which allegation I have already offered to Capt. Andrew Bealls Company to prove, and can at any time prove by authentic papers, to be utterly false.

At the request of your Petitioner the Committee have appointed Monday next to determine what course of conduct should be pursued, however there is reason to fear, from the temper & disposition of many who were present at the late examination that the attempts of the Committee to preserve peace & good order will prove ineffectual, unless this Conven-