

C. J.<sup>2</sup> one Pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six pence Current money, as will appear by the Receipt for the same ready to be produced.

That by a Subsequent Resolution of the said Committee, on the 24<sup>th</sup> instant the said Guard was discharged, on the application of your memorialist for that purpose, upon your memorialist giving an obligation with five securitys not to depart the Province without leave of the said Committee or this Convention, and your memorialist presuming with all deference, to say, that the Letter in question, the contents of which has excited so much uneasiness in the minds of the good people of this Province, could not be productive of any ill effect being wrote by a private individual to his friend and relative, a person who had not the power, if he had the inclination, and who from regard to his own private interest and from the Tyes of Blood (his Wife, Family and fortune being in this Country) cannot be supposed to be active in devising measures to crush the Libertys thereof, and in the most solemn manner your memorialist averrs, that he never harboured a wish to introduce a Military Force into this Province for the purpose of enslaving the Inhabitants thereof, and your memorialist begs leave to add that he is extremely sorry that his private opinion should have given any offence he was far from intending any, he considered himself as writing to a friend in confidence, and had no expectation or wish that such private opinions would ever appear in publick, or be productive of any publick measures whatever.

That the said Committee having referred all further proceedings on your memorialist's case to the Gentlemen, delegated by this Province to the Continental Congress, and they having referred the same to the consideration of this Convention obliges your Memorialist to make this application, humbly to request that this Hon<sup>ble</sup> Convention will consider your memorialists' case, and discharge your memorialist and his securitys from the said obligation, and also grant permission to your memorialist to depart the Province with all convenience, without molestation in person or property.

Your Memorialist relying upon the Wisdom and humanity of this Hon<sup>ble</sup> Convention most cheerfully submits his case to their decision. Humbly praying,

That the blessings of Peace and Tranquility, may be restored to every part of the British Empire, that the Rights and Privileges of America may be established on a firm and lasting Basis, and a speedy and honourable reconciliation take place between the Parent State, and her Colonies, is the sincere wish of your memorialist

James Christie Jun<sup>r</sup>

Baltimore July 27<sup>th</sup> 1775.