

Maj<sup>r</sup> Price not to have been consulted or asked how the affair was really conducted before he counteracted Gen<sup>l</sup> Dent's and my conduct. I dont doubt Major Price will inform you of our affairs here which prevents my troubling you thereon. Reports having been spread to M<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholme's prejudice relative to a conversation passed between him and a Gondolo under his Bank, without any foundation as I am informed by several of his family who heard the conversation and were called on by him for that purpose.

I remain with regard  
Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Barnes.

P. S. The substance of the letter from M<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholme to Governor Eden was to beg that he would use his endeavours to procure him a passage in a ship that was going to England, and that if he could be received with conveniency a Flag might be sent from on board the Fleet for him. Under which I wrote the following surtificate. By order of Gen<sup>l</sup> John Dent, I do hereby certify that if the above shall be approved of and a Flag should be sent on shore every due respect should be paid to it.

Richard Barnes.

Papers referred to by Colonel Barnes.

Original.

[Resolution of St. Mary's Committee.]

Court House in Leonard Town July 1<sup>st</sup> 1776.

In Committee.

Present. Coll Abraham Barnes in the Chair.

Major James Eden	Col <sup>o</sup> Jno. H. Read
Major Samuel Abell	Maj. Ignatius Fenwick
Capt. John Smith	M <sup>r</sup> Wilfred Neale
Capt. Edward Abell	M <sup>r</sup> William Taylor
Capt. Gerrard Bond	M <sup>r</sup> Henry Tubman
Capt. Vernon Hebb.	M <sup>r</sup> Nicholas L. Sewall.

On reading a letter from Dan<sup>l</sup> Wolstenholme Esq Collector of his Majesty's Customs on North Potowmack, setting forth that by advice of his physicians, he intended to leave this province and return to Great Britain, his native country, on account of his infirm State of health, for which purpose he had obtained a warrant, from the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Board as Treasury in London. Yet the peculiar circumstances of the times, joined to his own inability to prosecute the intended voyage had unfortunately prevented him from embracing the opportunity, within the time limited by the aforesaid warrant. By which means he is utterly dis-