

The manner in which it was prevented, and the conversation that past betwixt the commanding officer and myself on the occasion, which, I have great reason to believe caused his immediate return without any intention of doing further damage, what happened afterwards to M<sup>r</sup> Morris' house, as well as the action which occasioned it, I flatter myself, you will hear from persons whose veracity may in general be less question'd than my own at so critical a juncture.

As I mentioned the term of four days, it was found convenient to be received by the Flagg, I thought it necessary to acquaint you therewith in order that you might appoint a proper officer on the occasion, and that every due respect may be paid to it, as the militia who have returned to my house since the affair are, I apprehend very little acquainted with ceremonies of this nature.

I am very respectfully  
signed by M<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholme

To the Commanding officer of the  
Maryland Provincial Troops at St. Georges  
Maryland Saint Mary's County.

[Wolstenholme's Case.]

Original  
Memo.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1776 The Convention resolved "That if any Non-Associator should choose to quit The Province and go beyond Sea, the Committee of Observation of the County to which he belonged might and were empowered to grant him a Pass-port to leave this Country in Peace and go beyond Sea carrying with him his Property or any part thereof &c. leaving an Estate to be burthened with a proportionate part of the Expence incurred by this Province in the Defence of American Liberty.

Under this Resolve Daniel Wolstenholme Esq<sup>r</sup> Collector of the Customs in North Patowmack on the first day of July 1776 applied by Letter to the Committee of Observation for St Marys County, informing of his Intention to leave this Province and to return to Great Britain and applying for such a Pass-port as might enable him to leave the Province Safety to his Person and security to his Property as soon as he could with Convenience to the Situation of his Affairs procure a Passage for that purpose. The Committee of Observation aforesaid consisting of 13 members having considered M<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholmes Application Resolved unanimously that the said Daniel Wolstenholme Esq<sup>r</sup> have leave to depart this Province with his Effects unmolested to Great-Britain at any time hereafter as shall by him be judged most convenient for