

[W. Stone's Memorial.]

Original.

To the Honourable Council of Safety of the State of Maryland.

The Memorial of William Stone of Baltimore Town humbly sheweth, That your Memorialist, some time in the month of January last past, requested M^r Hercules Courtney to endeavour to obtain Licence of the Honourable Council of Safety, to load your Memorialist's Brigantine with Indian Corn, to be exported for the purpose of importing salt. But the said M^r Hercules Courtney not being able to procure such Licence, did charter the said vessel to the Council on account of the said State. That the said vessel was valued at £1000. o. o. when in truth she cost your Memorialist £1500. o. o. That your memorialist left instructions with M^r Courtney to have the further sum of £500 Inshured on the said vessel at Philadelphia to indemnify your Memorialist in case of loss.

Your Memorialist further sheweth that after the delivery of your cargo, Capt. Martin proceeded in the said Brig to S^t Eustatia, in order to receive the nett proceeds of two cargoes shipp'd by your Memorialist last October, when she was attached by M^r Richard Jenings for a debt of £300 or thereabouts due from your memorialist to him. That the said Richard Jenings sold the said vessel to M^r Harrison your Agent for the sum of £900. That the said Jenings rendered your Memorialist no account of the sale of the Brig, and retained the sum of £450 in his own hands. That M^r Harrison loaded the said vessel and called on M^r Jenings for a Bill of Sale who refused to give one. That Cap^t Martin (who was not authorized by me to make any sale or transfer of said vessell) was induced and prevailed on to give a Bill of sale for said vessel to M^r Harrison in consideration of the sum of £900 and to accept an order drawn by M^r Harrison on the Honourable Council of Safety for the sum of £450. That the said vessell was sold for much less than her real value, she being worth £1500. Your Memorialist further sheweth that at the time his vessel was attached he was possessed of property in S^t Eustatia and S^t Kitts sufficient to discharge the debt due to the said M^r Jenings. That the said M^r Jenings being displeased with your Memorialist for not consigning the vessell to him last October, acted in the manner above shewn, to injure and oppress your Memorialist

Your Memorialist esteeming the actings and doings of the said M^r Richard Jenings and Cap^t Martin unjust, illegal and oppressive, begs your Honours will take his case into consideration, and not suffer any advantage to be taken of him by the sale of the said vessel to M^r Harrison, your Agent: but