

Application made to us by Job Green of this Place for a Permisⁿ for the departure of a Schooner loaded with Provisions. This Copy of said Resolve we should have sent to you before now, had we not apprehended that M^r John Smith who was present in Committee during the transaction had taken a Copy of it with him, which we have Reason to suspect he did not, it being reported to us that Job Green hath obtained from your Board a Permisⁿ for the departure of said Vessel, which we are inclin^d to think you would not have granted had you been acquainted with the Circumstances of the Case.

In the mean time to prevent M^r Green making An Advantage of your Permission untill you was fully informd the Reasons of our refusing him Permission We have requested Captⁿ Smith not to suffer the said Vessel to Sail before we received further directions from you on the Subject. The true State of the Case is as follows.

M^r Green lately Applied to the Chairman to know if he might have a Permit to load a Schooner with Flour to the West Indies; which he was answerd he might have If he wou'd engage to comply with the terms required by the Committee, of giving Security in double the Value of the Cargo (when the Vessel sailed) that the Vessel should not proceed to any Port or Place prohibited by Congress or Convention. On promising these terms shoud be complied with, a Permit to load was granted by the Chairⁿ to M^r Green) not suspecting that any Fraud was intended: But being informd shortly after that the Schooner which M^r Green had obtained Permission to load, was a Vessel belonging to James Clarke of this Town who had been a few days before publishd by this Committee as an Enemy to the Interests of America of which M^r Green could not be ignorant; It gave us great Room to suspect that the whole matter was a Collusion betwixt M^r Green & M^r Clarke & only intended to evade the Incapacity of the latter from Trading to which he was Subject by his Conduct. We apprehend there is the more Room for such Suspicion from M^r Greens Conduct which does not stand so fare as we could expect from a Friend to our common Cause.

But at any Rate we conceived that every Person was precluded from trading with M^r Clarke after he was publishd by the Committee: And by M^r Greens own Acknowledgem^t before it appeared that no Sale of the Vessel was made to him before that time.

p Order of the Comm^{ee}
Sam^l Purviance Jun^r Chairⁿ