

M^r William Diggs supposes M^r Rozier, carryed my Powder flask away with him, if so desire him to make restitution, for it belongs to M^r James Carroll, who has bought my Gun for 50^l Sterl My Eyes grow dim, and my Candle is Expiring, and its now half an hour after eleven, so good night for this time, Pray burn the Letter for I believe its all nonsense.

Together wth the Examination of M^{rs} Mary Hemsley which is as follows. Viz.

Maryland ss^t

Be it remembred, that on Saturday the twenty eighth day of January in the second Year of the Reigne, of Our Sovereigne Lord George, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King Defend^r of the Faith &c. Annoq Dni 1715.

Appeared before the Honb^{le} Samuel Young Esq^r one of the Members of the Council of State, within this Province, and one of the Judges, of the Provincial Court, M^{rs} Mary Hemsley the Wife of M^r Philemon Hemsley, of this City, and being by the aforesaid Samuel young Esq^r Examined upon her Corporal Oath, by her taken, upon the Holy Evangelist, of Almighty God, concerning, a certain Letter, dated the 21st of December, 1712, Subscribed P. Atwood S. J. and directed to M^r William Kittuck, at the Wood Yard, by the s^d M^{rs} Hemsley delivered Yesterday Night, to W^m Bladen, Clerk of the Council; She Deposeth and Saith that about 12 months agoe, she lent to M^r W^m Hunter a Popish Preist at Port Tobacco a Book of the Practice of Physick, which he returned her, about eight months agoe, amongst the Leaves of which Book she found the said Letter open, and finding in the said Letter, some Latin and dark expressions, w^{ch} she was Curious to know the meaning of, shew'd it to some of her freinds. That His Excellency the Govn^r John Hart Esq^r having got some Hint, or Information of the said Letter, she was in His Excellency's Name by the Clerk of the Council, required and commanded, to send it him, which she did by the s^d Clerk of the Council.

Then the said M^{rs} Mary Hemsley being asked if the said Letter, now shewn her, by the Clerk of the Council, & upon which she had noted her delivery of it, to the said Clerk, and her own Hand Subscribed, with her Name, was the afores^d Letter, she had shewn, to some of Her Friends, and was inquired for, & the very individual, and onely Letter she had found, in the Leaves of the Book returned her by M^r William Hunter, as afores^d She declared it was.

January 28th 1715
Jurat coram me

Mary Hemsley
Sam^l Young