

Lib. J. R. their Servants and for the present the storm is blown over,  
& U. S. I leave the whole to your Excellency's Animadversion.

I am your Excellency's most obedient  
most humble Servant

Baltimore 21<sup>st</sup> August.

S: Gardner

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Your Letters of the 15<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Instant have been received and laid before his Lordships' Council, by whose Advice I now desire and recommend it to you to take your Evidences before some Provincial or County Magistrate & let them make Oath to the Truth of what you alledge against M<sup>r</sup> Ridgely and several other Persons of Baltimore County. the Magistrate will thereupon issue his Warrant and have the Offenders brought before him, and on their Appearance will bind them over to the next Assizes for that County at which you will attend with your Witnesses, and I shall give Orders to the Attorney General to do his Duty on that Occasion. I hope that by this Means all Cause of future Complaints from Gentlemen who may be sent hither on the recruiting Service will be removed and that an effectual Stop will be put to such violent Proceedings as are mentioned in your Letter. You may be assured that I shall always to the utmost Power encourage and promote the Service in which you are engaged, and from his past Conduct I flatter myself the Gentleman to whom you say you applied will by his Behaviour on this Occasion convince you that none is more disposed than himself to forward and promote his Majesty's Officers.

I am S<sup>r</sup>

H: S..

Annapolis 26<sup>th</sup> August 1756.

To Captain Gardner &c..

p. 130 His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter.

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I beg Leave to lay before your Excellency the Papers herewith sent, they were about a fortnight since taken from a person found travelling through this County without a pass, on his Examination he appears by his own Confession to be a native Frenchman and a papist of the province of Gascoign he talks Latin pretty well, says he came from Havre de Grace to Quebeck, thence to Montreal to Albany, York, Boston, Philadelphia, has been at Annapolis has passed from place to place where the neutral french reside, owns he hath formerly personated a priest, he either is or well personates a Luna-