

October 21
Sunday

[Ja^s Trapnall to Col^o Ed. Cockey]

Take notice that I inform you that I have Join'd Captain Benjamin Nicholson's Troop of light Dragoons and therefore Resign'd my Commission which is Second Lieutennant of Captain Stephen Gales Company of Malitia—

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Red Book
No. 27
Letter 36

[Petition of Henry Cyple of the City of Annapolis To his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r]

Your petitioners wife was by a certain Mary Logan presented in the General Court for an Assault on the said Mary & an Indictment found thereon.

That in the absence of your Petitioner his wife was perswaded to submit the matter to the Court under a protestation of Innocence, that in consequence thereof & she being wholly Ignorant of court proceedings thought Evidence unnecessary—the court proceeded to Fine her, and did so to the Amount of £15. Specie

That your Petitioner & his wife are well known in this City and he has the happiness to insinuate to your Excellency that they are, and ever have been Esteemed by all their neighbours and acquaintance quiet, peaceable and orderly people.

That from the most indecent and abusive Language accompanied with violent strokes with a stick, so far provoked your Petitioners wife that upon wresting the Stick out of her Hands she returned some of the Blows she had received.

That the said Mary Logan from the vicious habit of Drinking & her ungovernable passions subjects herself to the ridicule of some & to the Pity of others, insomuch that Molly Logan's Capers (as they are called) are become a mere adage.

That if your petitioner had been apprized of the aforesaid Submission & had been in Town, he is Conscious and well assured that he could have procured such Testimony relative to the matter as would have made the invidious machinations of the said Mary recoil with obloquy upon herself.

That if your Excellency should think it expedient or necessary your pet^r by good Evidence could prove that so far from his wife being the Agressor she had like to have become an Innocent Victim to the rage of a Malignant, jealous drunken woman

Your Petitioner therefore prays your Excellency to take the premisses into consideration and to grant him such relief therein, as you in your wisdom shall think just and meet.