

least in your favour, I appeal to the majorities of the late year upon American questions in parliament.

Among other supporters of British rights against American claims, I will not speak positively, but I firmly believe, I may name the men of whose integrity and judgment you have the highest opinion, and whose friendship is nearest your heart; I mean Lord Thanet, from whom my aid de camp has a letter for you, with another from Sir C. Davers...

For this purpose, as well as to renew "the rights of our fellowship," I wish to see you; and, above all I should think an interview happy if it induced such explanations as might tend in their consequences to peace. I feel in common with all around me for the unhappy deluded bulk of this country...

The place I would propose for our meeting is the house on Boston neck, just within our advanced entrenchments, called Brown's house, I will obtain authority to give you my parole of honour for your secure return: I shall expect the same on your part, that no insult be offered to me...

J. BURGOYNE.

P. S. I have been prevented by business answering your letter sooner... I obeyed your commands in regard to Generals Howe and Clinton; and I likewise communicated to Lord Percy the contents of your letter and my answer...

Gen. LEE's Answer to the above letter.

Cambridge, head quarters, July 11.

GENERAL LEE's compliments to Gen. Burgoyne. Would be extremely happy in the interview he so kindly proposed. But as he perceives that Gen. Burgoyne has already made up his mind on this great subject; and that it is impossible that he (Gen. Lee) should ever alter his opinion, he is apprehensive that the interview might create those jealousies and suspicions so natural to a people struggling in the dearest of all causes...

ANNAPOLIS, August 10.

West-river, July 16, 1775. In consequence of a wager, this day was weighed in the presence of Joseph Richardson, Thomas Harwood, Joseph Watkins, Joseph Potts, and Ephraim Duvall, a calf belonging to Thomas Prigg, Esq; which weighed nine hundred and four pounds, and which, he says, was cal'd on his plantation this day twelve months.

IN PROVINCIAL CONVENTION, August 7, 1775. The following MEMORIAL of JAMES CHRISTIE, jun. of Baltimore-Town, merchant, was read.

To the honourable the delegates of the freemen of the province of Maryland, in convention now assembled. The memorial of James Christie, jun. of Baltimore county.

Sheweth, THAT your memorialist did, on the 22d day of February last, write the letter, a copy of which is hereunto annexed, to his friend and cousin-german, Lieut. Col. Christie, in the island of Antigua: That, at the time of writing the said letter, your memorialist unfortunately could not approve of the measures then pursued in this province, as a petition from the honourable continental congress was then lying at the foot of the throne of Great-Britain, the result of which was not at that time known in America.

That the said letter, having been intercepted by means to your memorialist altogether unknown, was, on the 13th of July instant, laid before the committee of Baltimore county, who came to such resolutions on the same as will appear to this convention, by copy of the proceedings hereunto annexed: That, in pursuance of the said resolutions, your memorialist has already suffered a painful imprisonment, and hath paid to the guard appointed by the committee, the sum of thirty-one pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence, current money, as will appear by the receipt for the same, ready to be reproduced.

That, by a subsequent resolution of the said committee on the 14th instant, the said guard was discharged, on the application of your memorialist for that purpose, upon your memorialist's giving an obligation, with five securities, not to depart the province without leave of the said committee, or this convention. And your memorialist presumes, with all deference, to say, That the letter in question, the contents of which has excited so much uneasiness in the minds of the good people of this province, could not be productive of any ill effect, being wrote by a private individual to his friend and relation, a person who had not the power if he had the inclination, and who, from regard to his own private interest, and from the ties of blood (his wife, family and fortune being in this country) cannot be supposed to be active in devising measures to crush the liberties thereof; and in the most solemn manner your memorialist avers, that he never har-

boured a wish to introduce a military force into this province, for the purpose of enslaving the inhabitants thereof. And your memorialist begs leave to add, That he is extremely sorry that his private opinion should have given any offence; he was far from intending any; he considered himself as writing to a friend in confidence, and had no expectation or wish, that such private opinions would ever appear in public, or be productive of any public measures whatever.

That the said committee having referred all further proceedings on your memorialist's case to the gentlemen delegated by this province to the continental congress, and they having referred the same to the consideration of this convention, obliges your memorialist to make this application, humbly to request that this honourable convention will consider your memorialist's case, and discharge your memorialist and his securities from the said obligation, and also grant permission to your memorialist to depart the province with all convenience, without molestation in person or property.

Your memorialist, relying on the wisdom and humanity of this honourable convention, most cheerfully submits his case to their decision, humbly praying, That the blessings of peace and tranquillity may be restored to every part of the British empire; That the rights and privileges of America may be established on a firm and lasting basis, and a speedy and honourable reconciliation take place between the parent state and her colonies, is the sincere wish of your memorialist.

Baltimore, July 27, 1775. JAMES CHRISTIE, jun.

And upon reading the letter of the said James Christie therein referred to, dated the 22d of February, 1775, to Gabriel Christie, lieutenant colonel of the 60th regiment, in which the said Christie represented the inhabitants of that town as concerned in measures, in his opinion, treasonable and rebellious, and that a number of soldiers would keep them very quiet, the same was considered by this convention, and thereupon it is Resolved, That the said James Christie, by the said letter, hath manifested a spirit and principle altogether inimical to the rights and liberties of America: That the said James Christie, by insinuating the necessity of introducing a military force into this province, has manifested an inveterate enmity to the liberties of this province in particular, and of British America in general.

Therefore Resolved, That the said James Christie is and ought to be considered as an enemy to America, and that no person trade, deal, or barter with him hereafter, unless for necessaries and provisions, or for the sale or purchase of any part of his real or personal estate, of which he may be at this time seized or possessed.

Resolved, That the said James Christie be expelled and banished this province for ever, and that he depart this province before the first day of September next.

Resolved, That the said James Christie deposit in the hands of this convention, or into the hands of such person or persons, as they shall appoint, the sum of five hundred pounds sterling, to be expended occasionally towards his proportion of all charges and expences incurred or to be incurred for the defence of America, during the present contest with Great-Britain; the overplus, if any, after a reconciliation shall happily be effected, to be restored to the said James Christie.

Resolved, That no punishment be inflicted on the said James Christie, other than what is now directed by this convention.

Resolved, That the five hundred pounds sterling is to be paid in sterling, or other money at par.

Resolved, That the resolutions of the committee of Baltimore county are, by the determinations of this convention, superseded, and that therefore the said James Christie may negotiate his bills of exchange; and that he may assign, or he, or any person for him, may collect the debts due to him, in the same manner as other persons may negotiate their bills of exchange, assign or collect their debts.

Signed, by order of the convention, G. DUVALL, clerk.

The following is a copy of the letter above mentioned.

DEAR SIR, Baltimore, Feb. 22, 1775. I DULY received your favours of 13th and 22d Nov. and should probably have wrote you before now, had I not met with the greatest misfortune in the power of fate to inflict on me, in the loss of the wife of my soul on the 15th December last--that has almost put it out of my power to mind anything for some time past, and all my fortitude is scarce sufficient to bear me up--however I must submit--she had been brought to bed of a girl about 20 days--the dear little infant died a few days after its mother.

I sometime since remitted £28 sterl. to be paid your mother for the boy's passage (being £20 and interest on it at 6 per cent. since I received the money) and which, on the whole, leaves them about £7 cur. in my debt, which I shall soon receive for rent. Charles's expence for cloathing, schooling, &c. when ather, runs high--but I think he may now pay for himself--Gabriel has been with me three or four months, and so far has behaved to my satisfaction, and I would flatter myself he may easily be broke of the idle indolent habit he had been acquiring--he applies well to any thing I put him to, and after a while I hope may do.

As your brother's correspondence and mine has been suspended since a letter I wrote him about the boys, soon after receipt of yours, I wrote my sister about John Græme's mandamus, and to get me the preference of it--I have thought nothing more about it, and am now quite undetermined--at present I think of going to Britain, so soon as my affairs will admit of it, and leave my little boy at Stirling, and, if things turn out to my liking, perhaps I may remain, and let myself down either in London or Glasgow--When I may get away is wholly uncertain--I would hope some time next fall. We are in such terrible confusion with our politics, there is no depending on anything, and that, added to other things, makes me wish myself out of the province. We are little behind the New-Englanders, mustering, purchasing arms, ammunition, &c.--We have some violent fanatical spirits among us, who do every thing in their powers to run things to the utmost extremity, and they are gone so far, that we moderate people are under a necessity of uniting for our own defence, after being threatened with expulsion, loss of life, &c. for not acceding to what we deem treason and rebellion.

The provost and family are very well--I believe he has nothing lately from James--he has made enquiries about negotiating bills on him in Bengal, and I think may be done at a disadvantage of 20 per cent. and whole, 30 per cent. more, if the bills are protested; on the will attempt it or not, I know not--Whether he vex him, and he wishes himself away, but I know not when, or if ever, that will happen--A part of your, or any other regiment, I believe, would keep us very quiet--Do you expect to remain long in the West Indies? I shall hope to hear from you soon. and am very truly,  
Dear sir, yours,

JAMES CHRISTIE, junior.  
To Lieut. Col. Gab. Christie, of the 60th regiment, Antigua.

At a meeting of the committee of observation for Prince George's county, at the house of Richard Carnes in Piscataway, on Monday the 24th day of July, 1775; were present,

JOSIAS BEALL, Chairman.  
William Digges, Enoch Magruder, Thomas Dent, William Digges, Jun. William Beanes, jun. Nathaniel Newton, Richard Carnes, Edward Edelin, Jonathan Bink, Thomas Clagget, Mezekiah Wheeler, and James Hawkins.

IN consequence of information being lodged with the committee that Josias Lanham and John Lindsey had purchased shoes imported contrary to the American association, they proceeded to enquire into the charge, and find; that William McCraight and William Blair, mariners, on board the ship Jenny, Captain Cochran, from Glasgow, had sold to the said Josias Lanham and John Lindsey four pair of shoes imported into this province since the first day of February last, for the sum of 34 shillings and sixpence current money--The parties were summoned to attend the committee, whereupon the said Lanham and Lindsey appeared, confessed the charge, and produced the above-mentioned four pair of shoes. The aforesaid McCraight and Blair likewise appeared with the money received for the said shoes.

The committee, on considering the premises, unanimously resolve such proceedings a violation of the continental association. The said McCraight and Blair declared they made sale of the shoes inadvertently, and are sorry they should have acted so as to give offence; that they will for the future pay strict regard to what they are now informed to be the general association as to goods imported; and that they cheerfully give up the money received for the said shoes into the hands of the committee, for public purposes. The said Josias Lanham and John Lindsey declare their concern for the part they have acted in violation of the association, and promise their paying due regard thereto for the future, and also declare their willingness to destroy the said shoes, which were accordingly burnt by the said Lanham and Lindsey, in the presence of the committee.

Ordered that a copy of these proceedings be sent to be published in the Maryland Gazette.

True copy, signed by order of the committee, THOMAS CLAGGET, Clerk.

CUSTOM-HOUSE ENTERED.

Ship Lord Camden, James Rogers, Cork.  
Ship Duke of Leinster, Patrick North, Dublin.

CLEARED.

Ship Elizabeth, Thomas Spencer, Bristol.  
Schooner Hannah, Isaac Vanbiobor, Jamaica.  
Brig Friendship, John Martin, St. Christopher's.  
Sloop William, Joseph Hutchings, New-Providence.  
Schooner Fanny, Purnell Johnson, Antigua.

Annapolis, August 9, 1775. LOST at Capt. William Caton's tavern, in Annapolis, a plain silver watch, Thomas Wagstaff, maker, London, number 5928.--Any person bringing the said watch to him, or securing it so that he get her again, shall receive 20 shillings reward, and no questions ask'd.

Annapolis, August 10, 1775. THE subscribers intending to leave this province in about three weeks from this date, earnestly request those who have had dealing with them, either in the tailoring or staymaking business, to be very expeditious in making payment; that they may be enabled to discharge the debts they owe in this part of the world.--Those who cannot possibly pay off their accounts within the time above-mentioned, can at least settle them, by giving bond, note, &c. which Mr. Charles Wallace, merchant of this city is empowered to settle and take, and which they would be glad to have done before they leave the place.

BENJAMIN SPRIGGS, JOHN DONALDSON.

N. B. Several good tradesmen, both tailors and stay-makers, to be disposed of on reasonable terms, for cash, or good security.

To be sold for sterling, or current money, to the highest bidder, at the house of Mrs. Gibson, in Upper-Marlborough, on Friday the 15th of September next, if fair, if not the next fair day.

A VALUABLE tract of land, containing 554 acres, called Moorfields enlarged, lying in Prince George's county, on St. Charles's Branch, about 3 miles from Upper-Marlborough, and about the same distance from Patuxent river; on this land is a well improved plantation, with orchards, &c. a large quantity of meadow land, that may be improved at a small expence. One third of the purchase money to be paid down, one third in twelve months, the other third in two years, with interest.

Also to be rented for one year, or leased for a term of years, a lot whereon the subscriber now lives, situated in the most beautiful part of George-town, with a good framed dwelling-house 30 by 20, 2 rooms on the lower floor with fire places, and 3 above, a cellar and kitchen below, well walled in with stone, a large garden, meat-house, stable and hair-house almost new, and in good repair.

THOMAS JOHNSTON.  
N. B. The land will be sold together, or in parcels, as may best suit the purchasers.

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