

Several Depositions and Declarations relating to the late Disturbance of the Peace of this her Majesty's Government intended by Richard Clarke and his Accomplices having been communicated to this Board are sent to the House of Delegates and appointed to carry the same and read them in the House to the Members thereof his Excellency has caused the Clerk of the Council to go with the Members thereof who are desired to appoint a select Committee to examine Mr. Charles Carroll, Mr. Amos Garrett, Mr. Levin Donwood, Mr. George Gale, Mr. Jacob and Mr. John Duvalle & others who give Account of Clarke's Dollars and Pieces of Eight and of Captain Silvester Wolke's selling the Country Powder to Daniel Wolke who lately assisted Clarke and his Company out of the Mouth South River and is now gone with several others to him and of several Persons attempting to run away in Order to join the said Clarke Signed by Order W. Bladen &c

Here follows the Report of the Committee desired

Maryland Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> 1707

A select Committee appointed by the Honble House of Delegates to examine several Persons and Depositions relating to the late Disturbance of the Peace of this her Majesty's Government intended by Richard Clarke and his Accomplices held in the said House the Day and Year above said where were present Colo. John Linton, Mr. Robert Bradley, Mr. William Trisby, Mr. John Waters, and Mr. William Leare Committee who elect Colo. John Linton Chairman and make choice of Richard Dallam for their Clerk.

Mr. William Bladen Clerk of her Majesty's Honble Council being sent for by the Committee appears and reads several Depositions and Declarations of several Persons the Purport whereof follows viz<sup>t</sup>

William Stimpson declares that Daniel Wolke of Ann Arundel County assisted Richard Clarke out of South River and after he was gone stayed in Company with a Fellow that termed himself a Privateer and drank at Christopher Smith's and Mrs. Jane Burnolls' in Annapolis where they asked Stimpson to swear to be secret and that they would take a Shallop and go to North Carolina to Richard Clarke, who would be merry enough Wolke said he could have forty Men go with him and that he could have several Families out of those Parts Wolke said he had broke two of Clarke's Dollars and should be apprehended presently He said he had fifty good Dollars and that Stimpson should have Part if he would go with him Advised him to take his Master's Shallop told him where Clarke lived in North Carolina saying he had taken up six hundred Acres of Land and they would go to him and then Clarke would be up with his Friends in two Months they told him that if they would go with them he should be Second and the other Sailor Captain. Wolke said Amen (and)