

opinion and if we are suffered to go on our own way all will end as it should do. If
on the other hand the Province is treated with indignity and Rigour and laid under
arrest and guarded, we cannot tell what will be the consequence. This we are certain
of our government will be shaken to its very foundations, and in what form it would
be rattled again we know not.

A Rofs was taken by your order last Monday and brought before us yesterday, but as we
had not then time to enquire particularly into his offence we deferred it until we had
a little more leisure and committed him to the custody of a guard, if upon examination
he should discover any thing which we may apprehend will be of service, we will imme-
diately disclose it to you. We should have been glad to have had a line from you by the
Express. We have received the money, plates and are
Yr mo: obedt Servts

N.B. A Rofs was represented in the letter to the Baltimore Committee as inimical
to America, but not as was said of him in that address to us. We inclose you
copies of a letter from J R & R A and our passport in consequence thereof.
Sir

We are in hopes that by this time your family are much better than they were when
you left us. Your attendance is become necessary, we want you to take the command at Baltimore
Town. Col Smallwood is so unwell, that Major Price cannot be spared from hence.
To Colo Ware.
We are with best wishes Yr mo: obedt Servts

22 April 1776.

Very urgent affairs of the Province require your attendance in Convention. We therefore
earnestly request you would meet personally at Annapolis on Tuesday the 7th of May next,
at which time we have determined a convention ought to be held.

To Delegates in Convention for Each County.

We are &c

We send the persons of Alexander Rofs together with his papers, and copy of his
examination under a guard to the Honble Congress, and have wrote the President to that
purpose. We find several papers that relate to a scheme of trade in West Florida and
two letters of recommendation, one from Governor Eden and the other from Gov Durossier.
There we think are material, his other papers which we likewise send we have searched,
and find nothing of consequence. Since our last nothing new has occurred except the
examination of Mr Pevier, and before our board; he at first denyed the anonymous
letter, afterwards on recollection acknowledged it contained some of his sentiments
but could not remember when he wrote them: he behaved not abominably. We hope
the time of calling the convention will meet with your approbation, we apprehend bad
consequences from delay. No messenger as yet returned from Philadelphia. You may judge
that we wish to hear some favourable news from you - be it as it may, we have the satis-
faction of thinking that we have done our duty by endeavouring to keep peace in the
Province.
We are Yr mo: obedt Servts

To Deputies of Md in Congress

We send you a copy of Genl Sec's letter to Genl Pevier.

Sent

In Council of Safety Annapolis April 22nd 1776

You have our thanks for the anxiety you express on our accounts, if the thanks of such