

enrolled and otherwise well behaved has been ordered to leave the town, we request you would enquire into the affair and let us know what proceeding has been had on the occasion and what foundation there was for it. We intend not to countenance Jones or disaffected persons, but we wish the peace of the State to be preserved and that all offenders should be punished according to the law of the land. And we again recommend to you Gent of the Committee to discontinue such arbitrary and extrajudicial proceedings.

Jan'y 9th 1777 per order we are with esteem & regard

Committee of Liberty for yr most Obedt Serv^{ts}

Baltimore County.

J. Hanson Esquire

Jan'y 9th 1777

Sir Mr. Bonte is now with our board & therefore you would not attend the Council on the business we informed you of

J. Hanson Esq.

we are &c

The Council of safety

Annapolis Jan'y 9th 1777

Sir, we here send you a copy of a confession made by James Lane before Mr. Hayward one of the Justices of the provincial Court in which confession he alleges that several persons were concerned with him in taking salt from Mr. Chamblaine, we conceive the assembly will not intermeddle with offenders, but have them tried by the Courts of the Country in which offences are committed. We therefore request you to call Lane before you and all the other persons mentioned in Lane's confession and make them recognize for their appearance at the next Court to be held in Talbot County then to be tried or discharged by due course of Law

we are Sir

Yr most Obedt Serv^{ts}.

By order Daniel of S. Tho^s. Sheriff P.

R^d Mason

Sir Capt. Mantz who commands a Company of the Frederick Battalion well armed and equipped this day marches to relieve Capt. Thomas and his company whom you may thereupon order up to this place in his way to the Camp to the Northward. He may leave his pots to Capt. Mantz's Company to cook with and may be supplied here with Camp Kettles or pots more portable than those he has now in possession. Capt. Mantz will occupy the pots & places, where Capt. Thomas's Company were stationed until further order. The Officers dispatched by you to give Capt. Nicholson notice not being able to overtake