

of money to deliver out occasionally for such Recruits as he should pre-  
-cure It did not suit me as I should be out of Town most of this Fall  
and winter probably. I apply'd to Maj<sup>r</sup> Thomas Muse of Cambridge who  
said he would take charge of it and deliver it out agreeable to such Di-  
-rections as your Board should give or send him. The Maj<sup>r</sup>, if a Stranger  
to yr Board, is a gentleman of Fortune. I am, yr,

Humble,

Council of Safety of  
Maryland, Annapolis

Very Hum: Servt

James Murray.

In Committee of Observation, Winchester County Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1776.  
Gentlemen,

" In obedience to an order rec<sup>d</sup> from the late Convention, we had  
several Evidences before us when we examined concerning certain depreda-  
-tions & outrages committed by Capt Richard Andrew, of Caroline County  
and a number of People whom he headed, most of them inhabitants of  
that County, and others inhabitants of this County, and on Evidence it appea-  
-red that they search'd the dwelling house and out houses of Mr James  
Lulivane for Salt, that finding only five or six bushels there, they took  
some of that but proceeded to Col<sup>l</sup> James Murray on Hunting Creek, which  
is also in this County, and there got from Mr Murray, the Key of a House in  
which there was some salt and took from thence, by their account fourteen  
and a half bushels of salt for which they offer'd to pay, Mrs Murray four-  
-teen and one half dollars that she refused to take the money, on which  
they left that sum in the house and went off with the Salt.

On receiving this Information we order'd the Evidence to appear  
again on a certain day, to which Day we summons'd those of the aff<sup>d</sup> Com-  
-pany who reside in this County, and appear'd to have been the most  
active in the outrage, to appear to answer, some of them appear'd agree-  
-able to summons and behaved orderly and offer'd some excuses for the  
non attendance of the others under these Circumstances and as some of  
the most material witnesses did not attend we postpon'd the hearing  
of the matter till Wednesday next when we order'd the parties charg'd  
and Witnesses to attend us which they promis'd to do. The Parties charg'd  
came on Wednesday, but contrary to our Expectation they came head-  
-ed by Capt Andrew and upwards of one hundred armed men to sup-  
-port them, and the Company behaved so riotous and disorderly that  
it was out of our power to proceed in the Business, and their coming so  
unexpectedly it was impossible for us to collect a force sufficient to  
stop them before they return'd in the Evening. Many of the Men present  
they will support what they have done at the Hazard of their lives, as it  
seems they have associat'd to do, and by their declarations against the  
present measures of the Country and in favour of the King show themselves