

you that the spirit of violence and opposition to the measures which have been adopted for our common safety, grows extremely daring and outrageous in this County, so that the officers appointed to carry into execution the Resolves of Convention and dare not proceed without farther assistance: And the militia threaten to lay down their arms unless the fines of non-enrollers who daily insult them are strictly collected. Some speedy and vigorous measures are necessary to preserve union among the People, and effectually to destroy the rising hopes of internal enemies. This committee have done every thing that they conceived themselves empowered to do in such matters, conducting their determinations with all the lenity that the case would admit of; but this has failed to produce the desired effect. — You will please to inform us what farther steps we are to take to enforce the resolves of convention. —

The deserters which Justice Smith refused to commit we have ordered to Prison, in which we conceive ourselves justifiable from the necessity of the case, having only two magistrates in Town to act on any occasion and those notoriously inimical to our common cause.

By order, Jona^s. Parviance Jun^r Chair^m
The Honble The Council of Safety. Annapolis.

Baltimore Novem. 28. 1776.

Gentlemen, In a letter from you to the Committee of observation wherein sundry persons are to attend your Honorable Board on Wednesday next relative to some depositions taken by a certain James Bosley and others concerning me and others. I beg the favour that you will be pleased to order Summons for the following persons to appear as evidences in my behalf viz. Will Savage. Charles Proffer. Daniel Thomas. John Thomas. Robert Lorry. Philip Lane. W^m Goddard. W^m Hamford, Richard Rhodes.

Several of the above named persons being gone to Annapolis and the time being too short for such persons to attend I humbly beg the Summons for such persons may be issued to some future day, and am, Gentlemen, with the greatest deference and respect,

The Honble Council of Safety
Annapolis

Your most humble Servant.

Vincent Trapnell.

The deposition of Aquila Tilmot of Baltimore County, who being duly sworn, deposes and saith. That about the twentieth day of November last, he the deponent, as a spectator, went to see the Sale of some things at a certain Rich^d. Rhodes' distrained upon for his non-enrolling fine: When the deponent came near to the Grand Gate of said Rhodes, he the said Rhodes came out at his gate, and forewarned this deponent and those, that were with him from going into the Gate at their peril — Capt. Bosley told Mr Rhodes, that he would speak with him. Mr Rhodes, laughed and said "Ah, I will speak with you", upon which Captⁿ Bosley and Rhodes went a few steps distance, and thereupon Vincent Trapnell came out of the Gate, and asked this deponent if Bosley summoned him

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