

c W. Christie Saunders attended: the following Questions were asked him
Quest 1st Whether the Brigge Harriett capt: Will^m Scott Master, bound out in May
1775 by M^r Saunders out of this Province for Barbadoes, was seiz'd and carried
to Boston by some Officer, or Officers of his Majesty's Ships of War there stationed

e Answer She was not taken nor carried to Boston

Quest 2^d Whether M^r Saunders ever receiv'd any Letter from Henry Loyd of Britton
respecting the said Brigge Harriett or Barge

e Answer He never received any

e M^r Saunders produced the following Evidences in his defence
Letters to M^r Saunders from his Correspondents in Barbadoes, dated July 1st 13th 14th
from Philip Lyteott & Company, were produced, from which it appears that 19 barrels of
flour 25 1/2 bushels of Corn 397 bars of iron 20 barrels of Pork, 20 barrels of Stearing, 19,865
Shingles and 2718 staves were landed for M^r Saunders, a c^t

e A Letter from M^r Biddle of Philad^l was produced by M^r Tho^s Richardson
of Geo^r Town dated 31st July saying that capt: Scott was arrived at Barbadoes, and
that the Board ship'd by M^r Richardson on board the Brigge Harriett was fold

By the above Evidence & the deposition of John Tolson who was a Passenger on board
the Brigge Harriett to & from Barbadoes, it appears clear to this Committee, that
there is not the least foundation for the charge of collusion propagated against
e M^r Saunders.

e M^r Saunders pray the proceeding, with M^r Tolson's deposition a' large may
be publish'd in the Maryland Gazette for his Vindication to the Public

It is the opinion of this Committee that these proceedings be publish'd
as soon as possible.

Sign'd by order Tho^s Williams, Clk^t
Bladen's

In Committee Aug^t 7th 1775.

M^r Tho^s South, Chairman

The Committee took into Consideration the Letter from the Hon^l Provincial Cong^{rs}
relative to M^r Murrie's escape from Bladen's and are of opinion that M^r Richard
Anderson was on ways aiding, assisting, or even spring to the said George Murrie's
Escape.

Sign'd by Order Tho^s Williams, Clk^t

Copy of Mr. Tolson's Deposition

At a meeting of the Committee of Observation for Parice George County at the house
of Richard Carnes in Piscataway on Friday the 4th day of August 1775. We were present.

William Digges Jun^r Chairman

William Beanes Jun^r

Luke Marbury

Thomas Dent

Edward Lelam

Nathaniel Newton

Thomas Claggett

Richard Carnes

the consequence of its being recommended by the Provincial Convention to the