

General Committee of Observation for the Liberty of America to call all evidences before them who may be expected can give the proper information respecting a Report that prevails of Mr Christopher Lunden having cleared out a Brig from this Province for Barbadoes with Provisions that were thrown into the hands of some of the Officers of His Majesty's Ships of War for the purpose of supplying the Army under the Command of General Ogle, this Committee Summoned before them Mr John Tolson aged sixteen years of good Reputation who being sworn on the Holy Evangel, of Almighty God before Luke Marbury one of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietarys Justices of the Peace for Prince Georges County, Deponent and sayeth, that on or about the twentieth day of May last he sailed from Mercuria on Board the Brig Harrist. Captain William Scott belonging to the said Christopher Lunden, and that he went passenger on board of her to the Island of Barbadoes, where she discharged her cargo and that to his the said Deponents Knowledge she did not discharge or dispose of any part of it till she arrived in the Road of Barbadoes, and that no part of the said Cargo was put into the hands of any Officer of His Majesty's Ships of War for the purpose of supplying them, or the Army under the Command of General Ogle.

This Deponent likewise sayeth that on Hampton Road, on their way out they were boarded by some people who said they belonged to a Vessel of War who took one of the Hands from the said Brig, and this Deponent sayeth no more.

Sworn before Luke Marbury.

(Signed) John Tolson

Ordered that a Copy of these Proceedings be sent to the Provincial Convention now sitting at Annapolis.

True Copy from the Records, signed by order of the Committee
Thomas Layett, Clerk

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Gent.

Richmond in Virg^a July 27. 1775

The Convention of Delegates for this Colony now sitting, have almost unanimously, come to the inclosed Resolution for Stopping the Exportation of all kinds of Provision after the 5th day of next month.

At a Time when the most secret arts are practising to furnish our Enemies with the means of protracting the unhappy Dispute with the Mother Country, the necessity of adopting this measure appeared so evident that this Colony have cheerfully sacrificed a very considerable part of its property, by agreeing to this Resolution.

I am directed to transmit the Resolution to you as early as possible, I have no doubt but you will as cheerfully come to a similar one.

I am with great Respect

Yr. Obedt. S^t

Peyton Pennington

President of the Convention

Resolved. (In Council on Monday July 24th 1775)

That no Flour, wheat or other grain, or provisions of any kind be exported from this Colony to any part of the World, from and after the fifth day of August next, until the Convention or Assembly of this Colony, or the Agents to the Continental Congress shall