

the contrary. With submission permit us to observe that we ought not in these instances to substitute artificial for real Conviction and thereby give footing to a loose of policy which may hereafter be turned to the destruction of that onely Freedom for which we are now contending. Who can be safe if we resort to subtle and criminal constructions as the Glopang of common life?

Can Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the proceedings of the Committee may be re-considered. If they have erred let concessions deprecate Resentment, it is however hoped that rectitude of intention will shield them from imputee guilt.

At a meeting of the General Committee for the County of St. Marys held at the Court House in Leonard Town, on Tuesday the eighteenth day of July 1774. Ten hundred & Seventy four.

Mr. John Reeder Esqr, in the Chair

Among other were the following proceedings taken.

On complaint made by Doctor Henry Reeder against the Circulate Bank Bill of Doctor for John Blaford Esquire & Company, at their Store in Leonard Town, in which he has his goods for ready money. And at the same time declaring that he would not sell his goods for Cash but for Tobacco only.

Resolved that Mr. Archibald Campbell be required immediately to attend this Committee, to answer unto the matter, whereunto charged.

Whereupon Mr. Archibald Campbell appearing & Doctor Henry Reeder making and in the presence of the said Archibald examined relative to the complaint as aforesaid made. Who proved the fact as alleged to the general satisfaction of the Committee. Who thereupon proceed (after having first heard what Mr. Campbell had to offer in his defence) to take into their consideration the innocence & such a procedure, which upon being fully debated, duly weighed & maturely considered was almost unanimously judged to be a manifest violation of the sixth Session of the Provincial Convention held at Annapolis by adjournment on the 24th day of December Seventeen hundred and Seventy four.

And therefore Resolved for ourselves & Constituents, that no Gentleman or the Land, from this time forward ought to bring or prosecute any suit for any debt due to the Store of Dr. Blaford Esquire & Company at Leonard Town of which the said Doctor Mr. Archibald Campbell has the management.

Resolved also that the proceedings against the said Circulate Bank Bill be published in the Maryland Gazette to the intent, that all persons concerned may have due notice thereof.

At the same time upon complaint made by Capt. George Locke against Mr. William Culburn Justice for Mr. James Packman & Company at their Store at St. Inigoes concerning for acting in a similar manner, which the said William Culburn here present admits to be true.

Resolved that the said Culburn has violated the aforesaid Resolves, and that he also be published in the Maryland Gazette to the intent as aforesaid.

In Testimony that the foregoing is a true Copy taken from the minutes kept for the Committee for the County of St. Marys, I have hereunto set