

The Gentlemen returned and Report, that Mr. Christie declared there never was any association between him and his friends for the purpose alluded to, or for any other purpose, and all that he remembers to have past on the occasion was, that some time last winter he was informed, that he with some of his friends were to be made a publick example of, for not uniting with the Town in the present opposition, and this being spoken of accidentally, among two or three of his friends, it was proposed, whether an association for mutual defence would be advisable but no determination being then made, and they soon after being convinced that no threats with notice had been thrown out against them, the matter dropt and was never afterwards thought of, or attempted and that it was at this time of doubt and apprehension that he had wrote the Letter in question which accounts for that part of it alluded to in this Enquiry; The Committee proceeded to take Mr. Christies conduct with respect to said Letter into further and deliberate consideration, and were unanimously of opinion, that by representing in said Letter the people of this Town, to be concerned in treasonable and rebellious practices, and that a number of soldiers would keep them quiet, he has manifested a spirit and principle altogether inimical to the Rights, Privileges and Liberties of America. They do therefore think it their duty to advertise the said James Christie Lunatic as an enemy to this country, and all persons are desired to break off all connection and intercourse with him.

The Committee do further resolve, that as the Crime of which the said James Christies guilty is of so dangerous and atrocious a nature, they will lay the same before their Delegates at the Continental Congress for their advice, and in the meantime, it is ordered that as Mr. Christie is confined to his Bed and cannot be removed with safety to a place of security, the same guard be continued at his House to prevent any escape attempted either by himself or the assistance of his friends, and that Mr. Christie pay such man five shillings for each twenty four hours, and the Officer seven shillings & sixpence.

A Report having been circulated that a number of Arms and a quantity of ammunition were secretly lodged in the House of Mr. James Christie, and the same being mentioned in the Committee, they directed two of their members, Capt. Clappes and Mr. James Lee to go immediately and search Mr. Christies House which they accordingly did, and reported that they had examined the House attentively in every part attended by Mr. Robert Christie Junior, and that they only found two Guns and a Pair of Pistols and no ammunition, and were convinced no others were in the House.

A special meeting of the Committee 21 July 1775.

Mr. Samuel Purvances in the Chair, 20 members

A Letter from the Deputies of this Province at the Continental Congress was laid before the Committee wherein they inform the Committee that they had laid the Proceedings on Mr. Christies Letter before the Congress, and that body thought it proper to refer it to the Commercial Committee.

Jo: M: Daniel Purvances, Chairman of the Committee.