

Melville's Warehouse August 2^o 1775.

At a meeting of the Committee of Caroline County, Capt. Matthew Driver in the Chair.

Were present.

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| Mr. Thomas Hardcastle | Mr. W ^m Chipley | Mr. William Rich |
| Viles Hicks | Ezekiel Hunter | William Bell |
| Daniel Skinner | Robert Hardcastle | John White |
| Thomas Pennington | David Robinson | Sol ^o Mason |
| Aaron Davies | John Stevens | M ^r Baslett |

The Committee being informed by Capt. Henry Davies, that he having been advised that a certain John Williams had endeavoured to disperse sundry persons enrolled in his company from mustering, and had made use of many expressions which highly reflected on the Americans for having taken up arms in defence of their rights and privileges, which had induced him, assisted by many of the Sons of Liberty to take the said Williams on the 16th day of June last, and carry him to Tuckahoe Bridge, but after some enquiries had been made by the people then present, they judge it most expedient to refer Williams to the Committee of Observations for a discussion of his conduct, and the first Wednesday of August was fixed for a meeting of the Committee for that purpose, agreeable to which appointment the said Williams now appears.

Patrick Hart and James Walker being both duly sworn do depose and declare that John Williams did censure them, both for mustering, and said they took up arms against their King, and were fools.

And it further appears to this Committee that when Companies were first formed agreeable to the Recommendation of the Provincial Convention, that the said Williams joined with John Cooper in forming a company to act in opposition to said recommendation, and after Cooper had renounced those principles & resigned his post in said company, the said Williams did persist and endeavour to keep up said company, and now declares that he never will exercise on the principles now adopted for the preservation of our constitutional Rights.

Resolved, that he be kept by the Sheriff of this County, assisted by a guard of a Sergeant & six men, with the goal, until otherwise ordered, by the Provincial Convention or this Committee.

Resolved, that Mr. Thomas Hardcastle be appointed to go to Annapolis and present a copy of this day's proceedings to the Provincial Convention now sitting, and there beg their instructions in writing to this Committee respecting the aforesaid John Williams.

The Committee adjourns to Monday next.

A true copy

H. Henry Davies in the

To The Honourable Convention at Annapolis.

The Petition of Richard Henderson of Bladenburgh humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioner being in great hazard of his Person & property thro' the means of another, be pleased to lay before you the following facts, which are substantially true at the