

from the confusion usually thrown upon the mind in time of extreme and unexpected danger, they may not be in every minute point, fully related.

On Monday last the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, being for the day, commanding Officer of the Gladensburgh Company, a letter from Col<sup>l</sup> Joshua Beall, was put into my hands to be read to the Company. Our Company was not full, wherefore I put the letter into my pocket, intending to wait the coming of our men. But the Company being impatient I opened it, and to my astonishment found that it contained an intercepted letter, written by a youth who resided at my store, expressing the strongest sentiments. I called for the clerk to read it, but he being absent, I was forced to read it. The Company then proposed to put the youth, whose name is George Munro, under arrest, unless some person would be answerable for his appearance before the Committee on the next day. I refused to be answerable, so he had sentries placed on him, but afterwards he being sick & it seeming to be the wish of the Company that I should become answerable, I complied.

On Tuesday morning I saw him, & he expressed no apprehension about appearing before the Committee, and therefore, at the beating to Arms, I joined the Company, & never afterwards saw him, being with the Company constantly till near evening, when I was sent for by the Committee & asked to bring Mr. Munro. I went, but about noon a great number of men with loaded Arms having come to Town & declared their determination to starve & scathe him, & having brought an old, lean, low backed, dull horse, wherein to set him & drive him thro' the Town, whatever might be the sentiments of the Committee. The youth was struck with an agony of fear, and rode off. It must have been the fright, which induced him to go, for he had an opportunity in the night.

When it was found that he had gone, the people out of doors, having beset the Committee, became outrageous, and at last after I had done all in my power, with the utmost difficulty, they allowed the Committee to grant me till Monday next to produce Mr. Munro. I had before this sent two active men, appointed by the people, after him, at my expense, and there are two men gone since to whom I pay a Dollar a day each, pay their expenses and find horses.

Notwithstanding all this, & that I made oath that I fully expected he would not have gone in as before attending the Committee, the private animosity of some men, renders my property insecure & brings my family into the utmost terror. Jasper West who built the house in which I have peaceably lived for these ten years has endeavored to get people to join him in pulling it down, alleging that when I drew the articles of agreement which he & I interchangeably signed & sealed, I read those parts only which I thought fit, & passed over other parts, thereby deceiving him. Every part of which allegation I have already offered to Capt. Andrew Bealls Company to prove, and can at any time prove by authentic papers, to be utterly false.

At the request of your Petitioners the Committee have appointed Monday next to determine what course of conduct should be pursued, however there is reason to fear, from the temper & disposition of many who were present at the late Examination that the attempts of the Committee to preserve peace & good order will prove ineffectual, unless this Convention will take the matter under their consideration.