

could not be productive of any ill effect being private by a private individual to his friend and relation; a person who had not the power, if he had the inclination, and who from regard to his own private interest and from the Eyes of Blood (his Wife, Family and Fortune being in this Family) cannot be supposed to be active in devising measures to curtail the Liberties thereof, and in the most solemn manner your Memorialist avers, that he never harboured a wish to introduce a Military Force into this Province for the purpose of enslaving the Inhabitants thereof, and your Memorialist begs leave to add that he is extremely sorry that his private opinion should have given any offence, he was far from intending any, he considered himself as writing to a friend in confidence, and had no expectation or wish that such private opinions would ever appear in publick, or be productive of any publick measures whatever.

That the said Committee having referred all further proceedings on your Memorialist's Case to the Gentlemen, Deputed by this Province to the Continental Congress, and they having referred the same to the consideration of this Convention, obliges your Memorialist to make this application, humbly to request that this Hon<sup>ble</sup> Convention will consider your Memorialist's Case, and discharge your Memorialist and his Security from the said obligation, and also grant permission to your Memorialist to depart the Province with all Convenience, without molestation in person or property.

Your Memorialist relying upon the Wisdom and humanity of this Hon<sup>ble</sup> Convention most cheerfully submits his case to their decision, Humbly praying;

That the blessings of Peace and Tranquility, may be restored to every part of the British Empire, that the Rights and Privileges of America may be established on a firm and lasting Basis, and a speedy and honourable reconciliation take place between the Parent State, and her Colonies, is the sincere wish of your Memorialist.

Baltimore July 27<sup>th</sup> 1775.

James Christie Jun<sup>r</sup>

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Gentlemen,

Annapolis August the 11<sup>th</sup> 1775.

We are jointly with Mr. William Russell and Mr. Daniel Rowley of Baltimore Town, Owners of the Brig, Roney, Capt. Sunders. Sometime in the month of May last we chartered this Brig to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wallace David & Johnson to load with Tobacco in Potomack, for London. She is now loaded and ready to clear out on her intended voyage; but she having lain longer, by a considerable time than was expected, in collecting her cargo, and the season having been remarkably dry, the Worm have injured her bottom to such a degree as to render her unfit to proceed to sea: and before she can do so, her Cargo must be reloaded and her bottom sheathed. Work of this kind cannot be done where she lays; We must haul her up to Baltimore. Under these circumstances, the work being tedious, we are apprehensive the Vessel cannot be finished previous to the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. It is our wish to make Rules formed for the benefit of the Community, our line of conduct, nor would we, measure of your Gentlemen, under any specious pretences, endeavour to infringe them. Our situation is a very peculiar one. We beg you will take it into consideration, and allow us, if not in our power to do it before, to reload the above Cargo, after the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. The Vessel's cargo shall be cleared out before. To obviate every suspicion that may arise of intention to counteract the general Resolves, we desire to be sworn as to the fitness, and condition of the Vessel to take in her