

Opinion of my Past and present Conduct, deserve the best return I can make; I see that your personal Safety and future respect from your Constituents are involved in my Meriting that Opinion, and not disgracing that Confidence, - therefore what you could not, by requisition however respectful, or your Representation of probably a more disagreeable Proceeding, obtain from me, my Parole not to leave the Province till the Convention met, I voluntarily now give you, as your Conduct towards me justly entitles you to it."

Mr. Allen Rymon was appointed Messenger to the Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Purviance Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant.

Ordered, That Mr. William Lux Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Baltimore, attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant.

Ordered, That Alexander Ross be brought before the Council at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock and met accordingly.

Mr. Benjamin Harwood acknowledges before the Council to have received £500. Currency from the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore in consequence of an order for that purpose.

Alexander Ross according to Order, was brought before the Council and examined; and after examination was remanded back in Custody of Capt. Adams; and thereupon - Ordered that the said Alexander Ross deliver to Colonel Smallwoods Order all and singular his Papers of what sort soever now at Daniel Grants Tavern in Baltimore Town.

Ordered, That the Officers appointed to bring Alexander Ross's papers from Baltimore Town have full power to take possession of the said Ross's Portmanteau and all the Papers lodged with Mr. Grant, and to convey the same to the Council.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o'clock.

Monday 22<sup>d</sup> April 1776.

Council met. Present as Yesterday. Mr. Smith attended.

Captain Kell, having resigned the Command of the Schooner Dolphin, Duncan Hill was admitted and sworn Captain and desired to adhere to the Instructions heretofore given Capt. Kell and to govern himself by them.

The following Lines were addressed to the Committee of Northampton County in Virginia, at the Foot of the Instructions (Vizt)

"The Council of Safety return many thanks to the Committee of Northampton County in Virginia for their friendly assistance heretofore to Capt. Kell, and as he has resigned the Command, request the Continuance of their favour and advice to Captain Duncan Hill."

Captain John Allen Thomas has leave to procure leather Caps for his independent Company instead of Hats.