

of Cartridge paper and 10 pieces of Cheek.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock and met accordingly.

Alexander Ross was brought before the Council in Custody of Capt. Poles and was examined and demanded back in Custody as aforesaid.

Ordered, That Col. Smallwood detach a Commissioned Officer, to arrest Samuel Purviance Junr. Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, William Luce Deputy Chairman and George Luce Clerk of said Committee wherever they may be found in the Province of Maryland; and that the said Officer bring the said Samuel Purviance Junior, William Luce and George Luce to the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis under a sufficient guard.

Adjourned till next day 10 o'clock.

Wednesday 24th April 1770.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

M^r William Luce in Obedience to the Order of the 20th Instant appeared before the Council and delivered to them an attested Copy of the Proceedings of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County in consequence of intercepted letters from Lord George Germain to Robert Eden Esq. Deputy Governor of Maryland, which were transmitted to them by the Honble Committee of Safety of Virginia.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock, and met accordingly.

M^r Hands attended.

M^r Samuel Purviance Junr. Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, in Obedience to the Order of the 20th Instant, appeared before the Council, and was informed by the President that, Instructions of a very extraordinary Nature from him as Chairman of the Committee of Baltimore County to Capt. Samuel Smith, and other matters of great importance had come to the knowledge of the Council of Safety, for which they had thought proper to call him before them to answer the Charge which they imported.

The Instructions were then read in presence of M^r Purviance, and are as follows

Sir,

You are requested by the Gentlemen of the Committee to proceed in Captain Nicholson's Tender with any Officer he may send to assist you and such a number of Armed Men as may be necessary, and therewith proceed as speedily as possible for Annapolis. Should you before you get there meet the Governor's Boat or Barge, you must by all means endeavour to board her. And in Case Governor Eden, his Secretary M^r Smith, or M^r Alexander Ross are found on Board, you are by all means to seize their persons and Papers and instantly return with them under the Strictest Guard to Baltimore, for doing which you may depend on being protected and justified by the Committee and held blameless. In Case you should not meet such boat or Person, you'll please to proceed immediately to Annapolis and use every