

and what Prospect they have of procuring the best contract  
for by them and favour us with their answer - While  
Convention was sitting, Mr. Samuel Purviance sent down  
two Depositions, to the Purpose of what you mention  
your haste; the Subject was considered by the Convention  
and it was resolved that no further Notice should be taken  
of the Affair, and that the Proceedings should be kept  
secret; we suppose the two Depositions sent you by

Mr. Purviance are in substance the same, and we cannot  
but think it extraordinary, that he should presume to  
trouble you with a Matter that had been agitated and  
settled in Convention, if it be not too much Trouble we  
request you will send us Copies of them and a Copy of his  
Letter inclosing them to you. We are &c.

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100. To the Committee of Safety of Virginia. July 8<sup>th</sup> 1777

Gent<sup>l</sup> We are much obliged to your favour of the  
27<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> and shall most cheerfully co-operate with you in  
every Measure that may contribute to our mutual Defense  
against the Invaders of our Reciprocal Rights, that  
be in our Power; and shall also be happy in keeping