

c. s. c. This Committee have on all occasions exerted their utmost influence to preserve the peace of the State (so far as their very limited powers extend) and will continue to do it, but while the State remain in the present confusion, without any laws or any constitution it cannot be expected but that irregularities will ensue. We must therefore earnestly recommend it to your Hon^{ble} Board to convene the Legislature as soon as possible that our constitution may be carried into effect and that we may be represented in Congress.

There has been an information given this day that a number of People in the upper part of this county has been forming a petition to Lord Howe, and that one Maddir can give further light into the affair. We have issued a Summons for him to attend the 21st Inst. when we will examine into the matter.

We herewith transmit to you the deposition of John Hardman a sargeant belonging to this State, who we understand may be found near French Town in Cecil County. This deposition was taken against John Ross, when he was gone to Virginia and consequently not present. On his return we called him before us and examined Elizabeth Dewit, wife to Thomas Dewit Prison Keeper, and also two witnesses in his favour, the purport of which is herewith inclosed. We have obliged him to enter into bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned that he will appear before your Board at any time you may think proper to cite him and that in the mean time he will be of good behaviour towards this and the rest of the United States.

We are Gentlemen, with Esteem, Yours,
(Signed p^r order) James Calhoun
Chairman

P. S. A former letter from your Board concerning the proceedings of the Whig Club was laid before this Committee and refer'd to a Special Committee to draw up an answer thereto, but at that time we were in the utmost hurry and confusion at this place on account of the Congress removing from Philadelphia, and the letter was by some means mislaid.

J. C.

To the Honorable Council of Safety. Annapolis.

[Affidavits in Ross's case.]

Elizabeth Dewit, wife to Thomas Dewit, Keeper of the Prison made oath that she heard John Ross drink success to Lord Howe, and that M^r Ross appear'd a little groggy at the time.

Daniel Curtis made oath that he heard John Ross drink confusion to Lord Howe and all his proceedings in the Prison, that