

went thither for the Purposes aforesaid, to speak to the said Mr. Ghifelin, and not finding him in the Provincial Office hastily wrote a Note to the said Ghifelin, the effect whereof, might for ought that he remembers to the contrary, be as set out in the Council Proceedings, and delivered the same to the said Mr. Ghifelin's Servant, one of the then Writers or under clerks in the said Provincial Office, and desired him as soon as possible to give the same to his said Master, soon after which the said Servant brought the Key of the Assembly Office to the Subscriber at his own House, and said his Master bid him demand a Receipt for it, which the Subscriber refused to give, and told him that he did not want to keep the Key, whereupon Doctor Charles Carroll who was then also present at the Subscriber's House demanded of the said Servant where his Master was, who informed him that he was at Mr. Ramsay's, and being denied to request his Master to walk over, he accordingly left the Key, and went to the said Mr. Ramsay's House, and in a few Minutes after his departure, his said Master the said Mr. Ghifelin came into the Subscriber's House, where the said Doctor Carroll and the Subscriber still continued, upon whose coming in, the Subscriber told him he did not want to keep the Key any longer than to get some Papers out of the Office and that if he would give the Subscriber the Papers he wanted 'twould do as well and thereupon immediately returned the Key, and the said Mr. Ghifelin answered, you may have any Papers out of the Assembly Office which you want; But the Subscriber avers there was no use made of the Key, while it was in his possession, and tho' he was directed to get Papers out of the Assembly Office to copy as aforesaid, yet he owns he had no particular Orders or directions from any person to write the said Note, nor had any of the Persons mentioned in the aforesaid Order of the House of Delegates, any Notice of the said Notes being wrote, or intended to be wrote, until after the same had been sent; And he also avers that he had no other Intention in Writing the said Note than to prevent to himself a further needless and fruitless Trouble, in going up and down in quest of the said Mr. Ghifelin, and also, as in all appearance a more speedy method of obtaining such Papers to be copied, as might be necessary to be transmitted to Great Britain, and which as the Subscriber was informed required the utmost dispatch.

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