

honors of strategy, only to gratify a few individuals out of Congress. However we shall still persevere in doing our duty with unremitting zeal, and not fail to assist our neighbours, if necessary, and upon the whole, after again repeating our thanks, permit us to assure you that we are persuaded, when our Transactions come to be fully canvassed, and the true interest of this Province considered, that you will have no occasion to blush for our conduct.

We are Gent^l

Yr. Mo: obed^t Serv^t

To Deputies of W^m in Congress

N.B. We have received the Purge's instruments & and delivered them safe to Doctor

Weisenthal.

Sir. We send you under a guard the person and papers of Alexander Rofs. We have examined him, and send also copy of his Examination. Among his papers we find several that relate to a scheme of carrying on the Lumber Trade from West Florida to the Islands in the West Indies, and two letters of recommendation from Governor Eden and Lord Dunmore to the Governor of that Department. Those papers we consider as most material of any we could find and have put them up in a separate bundle. The persons he is supposed to be supposed to be a confederate with you have already in your Custody, we mean Smith, & Connolly, and we presume also their papers. We are with great respect

To Hon^{ble} J. Hancock Esq.

Yr. Mo: obed^t Serv^t

In Council of Safety Annapolis April 11. 25th 1776.

Gentlemen:

We received yesterday your favor of the 15th Instant and have sent you by Robert Ovington £86.4.6 agreeable to your request. The Committee has our permission to use any part of the public powder in their possession whenever they think it necessary for the defence of the Province.

To J. Hanson Esq. Chairman

We are, Gent^l, Yr. Mo: obed^t Serv^t

Sir. We consider the schooner Revolution to be fitted out only as a Tender for the Ship Defence and therefore have given you directions to put officers on board out of your own ship as you may think best for the public service.

To Capt Jas Nicholson.

We are Yr Mo: obed^t Serv^t

Sir. We this moment received the original of which the inclosed is a copy, and as matters of a very interesting nature have been lately discussed in Congress relative to our Province which will be laid before the next Convention, it will be very proper that as many of our Deputies should be here as can be spared from Congress to represent what passed there. We request you will comply with the within requisition if possible.

To John Rogers Esq.

Yr. Mo: obed^t Serv^t

Sir. The Council of Safety upon consideration some days ago on the impracticability of square rigged vessels escaping the enemy in their way to their several ports of destination did conceive that small sharp rigged vessels would more probably meet with success. We have therefore thought it most advisable to send the Cargo of the Brig Fortune to the West Indies in such vessels and for that purpose have wrote to persons who are informed can furnish us with them. In the mean time we would direct that the Cargo of the Brig should not be unloaded but kept on board until you have further instructions from us. Capt Van Bibber cannot be much if anything in advance after the arrival of the Hannah and the Bill he has drawn. Yr. Mo: obed^t Serv^t

To Mr. Lux

Sir