

that he expected New York was then burnt to ashes he farther said that when he received orders from the admiral he desired that he might show some favours to the town of Falmouth, which the admiral granted (I suppose, as Capt. Mowatt was under particular obligations to some gentlemen at Falmouth for civilities to him when in captivity amongst them) and which favour was to spare the town till 9 o'clock Wednesday morning in case he would send him off eight small arms, which the town immediately did. Wednesday morning being the 18th, the Committee went on board Capt. Mowatt again in order to save the town, till he heard from the admiral in case we would send off four carriage guns deliver up all our small arms, ammunition &c and send four gentlemen of the town as hostages, which the town would not do. about half past nine in the morning he began to fire from the four armed vessels, and in five minutes set fire to the several houses. He continued firing till after dark, the same day, which destroyed the largest part of the town he farther informed the Committee that he should proceed to portsmouth and destroy that place also. The foregoing is as near the facts as I am able to remember. as witness my hand. Signed Pearson Jones
Cambridge Octob. 24. 1775.

Sir. If you chuse to import any powder or Arms from Holland think it best that you export y^e Ant. of y^e Adventure in Tobacco fit for that market in vessels that do not draw above 13-14 feet water & sail fast fitting up Invo. & bills of lading with letters as if from St. Cruz or St. Eustatius bound to Hambro, the officers keeping their Journals accordingly & having no other papers on b^d. Rotterdam or Amsterdam are y^e best ports, on their arrival at y^e outport of either of these ports, let them report to y^e first officer as Bylger, on board to Hambro. from St. Cruz put in their for orders or in distress, if to Rotterdam let y^e Capt. immediately proceed up with y^e proper papers & apply to Mess^{rs}. Isaac Hubert & van Rykervorsel desiring them to receive the said Capt. under their protection & to wait & follow my orders letting nothing be landed if to Amsterdam the same directions will do to Mess^{rs}. Nicholas & Jacob van Stap. worst should you approve of this plan please write frst port your full directions to Alex^r. Gillon & Co. at Charlis Town & Caroline & copies thereof frst each vessel to Holland which will be duly attended to by. Sir. Your most Obed^t. Serv^t.
Rykervorsel.

Alexander Gillon 28th Oct. 1775

Philadelphia November 1st 1775.

Gentlemen. The Congress have directed the enclosed Resolutions, and papers to be transmitted to you. I submit to your consideration, whether it would not be proper to communicate copies to the Committee of observations of each County and request their diligent attention and steady execution of the Resolves, and if Annapolis cannot be defended it would not be advisable to remove the public Records and loan office.

I am gentlemen
with regard and respect
Your obed^t. servant.
Sam^l. Chase.

To the Honble The Council of Safety