

to give Col^d Sturinton fifty Pounds to exchange a ball with him, and at the same time said the Court had prejudged the matter, and looked upon it no more than a mock trial -

I am Gentlemen

The Hon^{ble}. The Council of Safety
Maryland

Your most humble Servant
Math. Driver.

Melville Warehouse Nov 16/1776.

In pursuance to an order from the Council of Safety bearing date the 18th day of September last, in the Trial of Capt John Fawcett of the twenty eighth Battalion of Militia for this State, I appointed the sixteenth day of November 1776. for holding a Court Martial for that purpose, and gave notice of the time and place for holding said Court, to all Persons concerned. And there was present at the time and place -

Captains.

Vincent Price

Nathaniel Potter

John Mitchell

Peter Richardson

Henry Capron. Secy.

And after fully hearing the allegations of Col^d Benson Sturinton and the evidences on both sides and considering the same, the Court give judgment that Capt. John Fawcett pay five pounds current money for his offence and breach of duty.

Math. Driver. Presidency -

Baltimore December 4th 1776.

Anno'd Gent.

I have got the ship at a wharf, but not without some trouble. I am in hopes provided this weather proves good to have the Ship at Annapolis some few days before Christmas. I shall do my utmost in getting ready for sea. In my last I inclosed you two advertisements of the sale of the Snow Georgia and Cargo that you may, if thought necessary, appoint an agent for the Province. The other vessel here is all lye bell'd, and I believe the Run in the schooner will soon be sold as the cargo are in bad Condition - We shall want Run for the use of the Ship, and shall be glad of your advice on that head. I have sent the Tender to go in search of one anchor that's left in Potomack and it will be necessary for Mr Middleton and his boat to go this occasion which I'm in hopes you'll be pleased to direct. We shall want for the ship some small nails of which the inclosed is a list with the quantity of Canvas wanting which I'm in hopes is in your power to supply me with. Should any thing occur to you relative to the management of the ship, I hope you'd please to give me your instructions (Math)