

my hand this twenty second day of July Annoque Domini seventeen hundred and seventy five.

Timothy Jones, Clerk of the Committee  
for St. Marys County.

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At a special meeting of the Committee at the Court House on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> July, and before the present Mr. William Smith on the Chair and twenty eight members.

A Letter from James Christie Junior Merchant of this Town directed to Lieut. Col. Gabriel Christie of his Majesty's 60<sup>th</sup> Regiment at Antigua having been intercepted was laid before the Committee and ordered to be read, which was accordingly done, and the following Paragraphs are part of its contents "Baltimore February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1775  
We are in such terrible confusion here, with our Politicks, here is no depending on any thing, and that added to other things makes me make myself out of the Province. We are little behind the New Englanders, Mustering, Purchasing Arms, Ammunition &c. We have some violent Fanatical Spirits among us, who do every thing in their power to run things to the utmost extremity, and they are gone so far that no moderate people are under a necessity of uniting for our own defence after being threatened with expulsion, loss of life &c. for not acceding to what we deem treason and Rebellion.  
"The Provost and Family are very well. Our Publick Affairs vex him, and he wishes himself away, but I know not when, or if ever that will happen - a part of yours or any other Regiment Medice would keep us very quiet".

The Committee then summoned Mr. Christie to attend them, but being confined to his Bed he was unable to do it. They then sent Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Cathow, William Buchanan, Tho<sup>s</sup> Harrison, Tho<sup>s</sup> Jones, Will<sup>m</sup> Goodwin and Isaac Vanbibber to wait on him at his house, and enquire whether the said Letter was wrote by him. The Gentlemen returned and report, that Mr. Christie had been shewn the Letter, and acknowledged that it was wrote by him, but requested that any further proceedings thereon might be postponed, until his health would permit his personal attendance.

The Committee not thinking it proper to comply with his request, as Mr. Christie had confessed he wrote the Letter immediately give him notice thereof, upon which Mr. Robert Christie attended on his behalf, but it growing late and many of the members being with drawn, the Committee directed a Guard of 9 men under the command of an Officer to be placed round Mr. Christie's house, and then adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1775.

The Committee met according to adjournment present Mr. Wm. Smith Chairman and thirty two members.

They resumed the business of yesterday, Mr. Robert Christie Jun<sup>r</sup> attended and declared that Mr. James Christie was very sorry for the Letter she had wrote Lieutenant Col. Christie, that he did not mean any harm by it, and that he was very willing to acquiesce in the determination of the Committee - On motion Resolved that D<sup>r</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Payne and Mr. John M. Lure (members of the Committee) do wait on Mr. Christie and enquire of him who those moderate people were that wanted for their defence as mentioned in his Letter, and that they take his answer in writing.