

out to those Persons of said Company, who were Chosen by the people, on the 9th day of September last, as Captain, first and second Lieutenants and Ensigns.

Commissions issued accordingly to John Bungey Lieut. Captain, Davidge Warfield 1 Lieutenant Basil Bungey 2^d and William Simpson Ensign.

The Proceedings of the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County, against Robert Gapway, together with the charge against said Robert Gapway were laid before the Council and read in the following words to wit:

"At a meeting of the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County on 17th Decr 1775."

M^r Robert Gapway, according to Order, being brought before the Committee in Custody of Capt. Philip Smith, the Charge exhibited against him (a Copy whereof is herewith sent) was read, and he was informed by the Chairman that the Committee would hear anything he had to say in negation.

or Mitigation of said offence; the said M^r Robert Gapway acknowledged the allegations, to ^{be} Substantially true, and offered nothing in Mitigation of the Charge"

"The Committee then taking into Consideration the Charge exhibited and proved against M^r Robert Gapway by his own Confession, and being of Opinion that his offence is of a high and dangerous nature, and that his Behaviour tended as far as his Influence would extend, to discredit the Inhabitants of this Province in their present Opposition."

Resolved That the said Robert Gapway be immediately sent to the Council of Safety at Annapolis under a Guard of four Men, and that Capt. Philip Smith and three men to be procured by him, be a Guard for that Purpose"

"P^r Order.

John Hanson J^r Chairman"

The following is the Charge exhibited against him...

"On the twenty sixth Day of February one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy six, at a meeting of Capt. Valentine Creagar and Philip Smiths Companies of Militia, the said Robert Gapway when at exercise as a private man in Capt. Smiths Company, stepped out of his Rank and publicly and loudly declared before the aforesaid two Companies, and in the Presence of several other Spectators, that it was better for the poor people to lay down their Arms, and pay the duties and taxes laid upon them by the King and Parliament, than to be brought into Slavery and to be commanded and ordered about as they were, he was asked who he meant had brought the People into Slavery, he said it was a parcel of great Men. That at first they destroyed the Sea at Boston, and then knowing that they had done wrong, did not know what they should do to save themselves, therefore ordered all Americans to be brought under Arms, and say now my brave boys fight away (clapping his hand to his neck) for fear their necks would be stretched - that this was only done to save themselves, when they had done