in the Charge [illegible] to Robert
Gafsaway 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 disunite the Inhabitants of
this Province in their present Opposition,"

"Resolved That the said Robert Gafsaway
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
nominated by him, be a Guard for that Purpose."

"Ordered John Hanson jr. 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. Lancelot Cooper and Philip Smith's Company
of Militia, the said Robert Gafsaway when at Queen
Anne's, Man in Capt. Smith's Company, stepped
out of his Rank, and publickly and loudly declared
before the assembled 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
be commanded and ordered about as they were, he was
asked was he meant had brought the People into