

C. S. C.

[Kell's Protest.]

Northampton County Virginia March 20th 1776.

Personally appeared before me one of his Majesties Justices of s^d County Thomas Kell master of the Schooner Dolphin of and from Baltimore Robert Bailey mate & William Cunningham seaman and made oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, that on the 12th day of February 1776, they sailed from Baltimore bound for the Island of Martinico, and on the 26th ult being betwixt the horse shoe, and Cape Henry was chased by two of the Kings Row boats & one tender, which caused them to bear away & run into Cheristone for the Safety of Vessel & cargo, & there waited for a favourable opportunity to run to sea, & farther these deponents declares that on the 4th of March a sloop tender attempted to come in to said harbour in order to take them out but was prevented by running aground, & farther declare that on the 18th Instant a sloop tender came in & took possession of said Schooner Dolphin, hove up her anchor and made sale in order to run her out & at the esterne of the harbour they run aground, after which said Tender plundered & took from said Dolphen salt & fresh provisions together with cordage cabbins furniture &c, and on the 19th the said Tender made another attempt to carry out the Schooner Dolphin but was repulsed & prevented by two companies of minute men, one Company of Regulars, & several of the Militia, and finding that said Schooner Dolphin could not get out with safety and consulting the Committee in the County of Northampton, which their advise was to land the s^d cargo & then for the s^d Captⁿ to proceed up to the owners for further orders from Council of Safety and the Deponents protests against the said Tenders & Row boats for their detention, Damages &c. which they and their owners have or may sustain from the said Tenders & Row boats

Given under my hand the date above

Henry Guy

[Somerville to Council.]

Gentlemen.

Calvert County March 20th 1776.

In obedience of the appointment from your Honourable Board (as a collector of hard Cash) have collected about £200 which is now in my possession and only wait for a safe opportunity to convey it to you. I have given this day an order on the Treasurer of the Western Shore to pay Col. Fitzhugh £24..14..2 Curr^v for the gold and silver I had of him. If you point out the way of conveyance it will be strictly by Gentlemen,

Your most ob^{dt} Hb^{le} Servant,

Alex. Somerville