

M^r Allen Quynn Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings for 2346 Feet c. s. J. of Plank.

Alexander Ross, according to Order, being brought before the Council in Custody of Captain Peter Adams and M^r Benjamin Chambers,

Ordered That he be kept in Custody of Cap^t Adams until tomorrow morning.

A Letter was received from John Hancock Esq^r inclosing the following Resolves of Congress, to wit,

“ In Congress, April 16. 1776.

“Whereas Information has been this Day laid before Congress from which there is great Reason to believe that Robert Eden Esquire Governor of the Colony of Maryland has lately carried on a Correspondence with the British Ministry highly dangerous to the Liberties of America,

Resolved therefore that the Council of Safety of Maryland be earnestly requested immediately to cause the Person and Papers of Governor Eden to be seized and secured and such of the Papers as relate to the American Dispute without Delay conveyed safely to Congress.

And that Copies of the intercepted Letters from the Secretary of State be enclosed to the said Council of Safety.”

Resolved That the Council of Safety of Maryland be requested to cause the Person and Papers of Alexander Ross to be immediately seized and secured and that the Papers be sent safely to Congress.”

“And to prevent the said Alexander Ross having any Opportunity to escape, Resolved that the like Request be made to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore and Frederick County in Maryland, in one of which Counties the said Ross probably now is.”

“Extract from the Minutes

Cha Thomson Sec^y”

“Ordered by Congress to be transmitted to the Honble Council of Safety of the Colony of Maryland.

“John Hancock President.

After Consideration of the above Resolves, A Copy of Letter N^o 123 was sent to John Hancock Esquire President of the Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O’Clock.

[Council to Hancock.]

April 18th 1776.

C. S. C.
No. 123.

Sir.

Your Letter enclosing the Resolves of Congress was this