

and Intent. That they had Cabals together especially at Annapolis where a Time for their going was perfixed to be some Time in March last. That they had agreed to take M<sup>r</sup> Bruff's Boat and if that not Sufficient M<sup>r</sup> Evan Jones's Shallop or any other Vessel fit for their Turn and as soon as they had done their Mischeif here go to Carolina That Clarke was assisted out of South River by Wells and him called the Sailor who afterward came to Annapolis to prepare the others but Wells having broke some of Clark's Money was in Fear of being apprehended Whereupon he, the Sailor and Stimpson had a Meeting at the House of Smithers in Annapolis and then Wells and the Sailor went off in a Boat and pursued a Shallop wherein was M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Lookerman Jun<sup>r</sup> and one Edward Taylor bound for South River but not gaining their Intent made their way down the Bay and came within a Day's Journey of Clark Sometime after several of them were apprehended in Annapolis and committed to Prison, to wit, Stimpson, Cooper, Williams, Peacock and Keyton, where they now lye by his Excellency's Order (who we think deserves the utmost Thanks of the House for his Care therein) for had this cursed and villainous Design taken Effect we and our Posterity might have been ruined by the burning of the Records which we are of Opinion was the chief Intent and Design of those Villainies. As to those Persons that were running away with M<sup>r</sup> Gale's Sloop at the Eastern Shore we are of Opinion 'twas to the same Intent of the others.

As to the Money we conceive Clark was the Maker and it's plain his wife the Disburser thereof to M<sup>r</sup> Carroll. p. 155

As to Silvester Welsh his selling the Country Powder it's very plain by the Declaration of John Duvall and Elizabeth Finely that three Pounds of Country Powder was sold by Welsh to Wells; and it is the Opinion of this Committee that the several Persons now in Prison and concerned in the same Design and Conspiracy be prosecuted at the Common Law and that the House give Order to her Majesty's Attorney General to proceed accordingly.

All which is humbly submitted to the House for their Consideration therein

Signed p Order Rich<sup>d</sup> Dallam Cl. Com.

Thursday April 3<sup>d</sup> 1707.

The Committee met again by Order of the House and upon Examination of Major Josiah Wilson and the Depositions of M<sup>r</sup> George Harris and Elizabeth Finely taken before her Majesty's Honble [Council] are of Opinion That William Stimpson was one of the chief Actors in the intended Design of Clarke