1774 Oct. 20 Samuel Galloway incoming letters MS 1994

Copy of letter in handwriting of John Galloway son of Sam'l Galloway - Last page is missing - From contemporary letter it is known that Sam'l Galloway was visiting his brother-in-law Hon. Benjamin Chew in Phila -

Tulip Hill, Thursday Morning.
Oct. 20, 1774

Hon. Sir:

I am now set down to give you an Account as well as is in my power of Yesterday's transactions of the Committee of the County and the mob assemblege at Annapolis relative to the 17 Chests of Tea imported by Thomas Williams and Co. and the Peggy Stewart.

It seems by Capt. Jackson commander of the brigg affidavit he refused Kelly Iot & Co. to bring any Tea to America in his Vessel, and that Mr. Thomas William who was then in London with his knowledge put 17 Chests on board and that he did not discover it till at Sea. When the brig arrived at Annapolis Mr. Anthony Stewart ordered him to enter his Vessel and all his Cargo except the Tea, the Custom house officer would not admit him to a partial entry. Mr. Stewart having not considered the matter even and to save his Vessel from being libeled went himself and entered the whole cargo and paid the Duty on the Tea. In Thursday paper their was an advirtizement for a meeting of the County as Yesterday but on Friday Evening when it came to be known that the Tea was entered and might if the owners thought proper be landed the Committee of Annapolis met and also on Monday following and the results of their meeting was that the Tea should be burnt but they defered doing it till the County Committee had a meeting which was on Yesterday. After the Gentlemen of the County Committee had met and determined what should be done, they called the inhabitants together to Mr. Jacque's porch & Mr. T. Hammond as one of the Committee stood forth and made a speech to the people (to be sure it was the most shocking one I ever heard) and read the Conceptions that Messrs. Steuart & Williams was to make publickly to the people for the infringements they had made on the Liberty of the Peoples. After this was over Mr. Charles Carroll B. desired to know the sense of the Gentlemen in regard to what was to be done with the Tea and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that it should be burned, the Committee then order'd the Tea from on board the brigg, but some of the Mob called out that it should not come on shore that the Vessel should also share the same fate. Matters now began to run very high and the people to get warm. Some of the Gentlemen from Elk Ridge and Baltimore Town insisted on burning the Vessel. Mr. Carroll then went and consulted Mr. Dick who immediately consented to the destroying of the Vessel. Mr. Dick was fearfull that if they did not give up the Vessel that it would be attended with worse Consequences to Mr. Steuart as the mob had threatened to lay violent hands on him. Mr. Carroll then declared to the people that Tea & Vessel should both be burned. Mr. Quyn then stood forth and said that it was not the sense of the majority of the people that the Vessel should be destroyed and made a motion which was seconded that there should be a vote on the Question, we had a Vote on it and a majority of 70 of the people, still the few that was for destroying the Brigg, was Clamorous and insinuated that if it was not done they would prejudice Mr. Steuart more then if the Vessel was burned. The Committee then with the Consent of Mr. Dick declared that the Vessel and Tea should be burned. Then Doctor Warfield (a youth that practiced under Doctor Thompson at the Ridge for some time) made a motion that the Gentlemen should make their conceptions on their knees, there was a vote on it and carryed in favour of the Gentlemen, they then came and read their conceptions to the Publick and then Mr. Steuart went on board of his Vessel and set fire to her with