1774 Oct. 20 Samuel Galloway incoming letters MS 1994

#2 Letter of John Galloway to Samuel Galloway

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 Jasques porch & Mr T. Hammond as one of the Committee strod forth and made a Speech to the people (to be sure it was the most Shocking one I ever heard) and read the Concessions that Mess Stewart & Williams was to make publickly to the people for the infringements they had made on the Liberties of the People. 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 burnt. the Committee then ordered 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 Vessell. 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 Vessell that it would be attended with worse consequences to Mr Stewart as the Mob had threatened to lay violent hands on him. Mr Carroll then declared to the people that Tea & Vessell should both be burnt. Mr Dorsey then strod forth and said that it was not the sense of the majority of the people that the Vessell 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 7/8 of the people, still the few that was for destroying the Brigg was Clamorous and insinuated