

Whilst Thomas Langley was under Examination. Mr Robert Walpole sitting near Mr Hughes, whilst he was in the Chair beckoned to Mr Scroop Secretary to the Treasury to come to him, he then asked him if he had a Copy of Mr Hughes's Letter to Mr Metcalf the Solicitor to the Com^r of the Customs in relation to the Removal of Roger Johnson to which Mr Scroop replied, he should have it immediately, is Mr Hughes hearing, said he had the Copy of that Letter in his pocket, which he gave into the Hands of S^r R. Walpole who read it, & said Yes, this is the Letter, & then returned it to Mr Hughes, very soon after Mr Scroop brought him a fair Copy of the same Letter which S^r R. Walpole handed up to the Members about him, who thereupon gathered in a Crowd to read it, which Mr Hughes observing from the Chair called them to order desiring them to take their places, & when the Examination of Thomas Langley was ended, & he ordered to withdraw Mr Hughes rose up & addressed himself particularly to S^r Robert Walpole (said) "I am very desirous to sit easy in the Chair, where I have the Honour now to be. I have seen a Letter handed about, said to be signed by me. I desire it may be read, Whereupon S^r Robert Walpole moved for Mr Metcalf to be called in & examined him as follows

Did you see the Letter? I saw a paper but what it was I can't tell. Did you hear the Letter read? No. - Was it read? I believe it was. Did you hear the Contents of that Letter? No. Can you charge your Memory with any thing in that Letter? No. - Do you know what become of that Letter? No. - Do you know that it is in Somebody's pocket? No, I said I believed Johnson had it. - What Reason have you to think that Johnson had it? Because he said he would take care of it. Did you say any thing to Welland about that Letter? I said to Welland that I believed Johnson had it in his pocket. Was it a Letter? I judged it to be so. When you heard Campbell's Name mentioned, was it at the same time that the paper was produced? Yes. Did you apprehend that paper to have any Relation to Campbell? I can't say whether it had or not. Did Welland desire that paper to be destroyed? I believe he did not. Are you sure this happened before the first Day of April? I only said I judged it to be a month or five Weeks ago. What was the Reason you believed Johnson had the Letter about him? Only observing what Care he took of it.

left out - [Mr George Metcalf one of the Solicitors to the Customs was Examined]

Upon what Account is Roger Johnson in Newgate? He was convicted a great while ago for eight hundred pounds, and he run away but being taken