

carried on against us And whereas a Water Defence is the best & most effective Way of preventing those Surprizes Depredations & Ravages, And Individuals have built & offered Boats for such Purpose. We the Subscribers do agree to support & maintain the Barge Experiment and Boat for two Months & man the same with twenty Men exclusive of necessary Officers The said Boat & Barge to be stationed in the Eastern Bay & to cruize occasionally between Kent Point and the Honble Matthew Tilgham's Island And we agree to pay all Charges & Expences in Proportion to the several Assessments of our Property lying in the Counties where We respectively reside In Witness whereof We have hereunto set our Hands.

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