

expect momentarily to be chas'd but depend on my heals shall as soon as satisfied there number & the course they steer shall make the best of my way up:

I am Gentⁿ y^{rs} to comm^d James Nicholson

Since writing the Enclosed I have discovered the Ships under way. I have stood into floods Bay. The Commadore still continues at an Anchor. If I find it necessary the Country shou'd be alarm^d I will fire a Gun every 15 minutes as I up the Bay without which they need not [be alarmed].

J. N.

[A. Buchanan to Council.]

Original.

Baltimore Town May 28th 1776.

Captⁿ Duncan Hill ship^d by Cap^t Kell, with your approbation, is now returned after making an attempt to get to sea. I have lodged my protest with you but would willingly do every thing in my power that would be of service to the public. when you hear what Cap^t Hill has to say you will judge what is the best method, he thinks he may get out but it will be attended with an expence. if you think its best to order the vessell and cargo or either of them to be sold and I can be of service I will do it. depend for the best, you'll give him your instructions:

I am Gen^t

Your most Hum^l Serv^t Arch^d Buchanan.

Wednesday 29th May 1776.

C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday except M^r Carroll and M^r Plater.

Richard Ridgely was appointed Assistant Clerk to the Council and qualified before M^r Jenifer by taking the Oath directed by the Convention.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Cap^t Thomas Ewing One hundred and fifty Pounds Common Money on Account of his Company.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'clock.

[Nicols to Council.]

Original.

Talbot County 29th May 1776.

Gentlemen: As I am appointed by the late Convention Paymaster of the Eastern Shore Troops, and the time of payment the 3^d of June, you will please to favour me with an