

Original.

[Hall to Tilghman.]

Sir. Since my appointment of Judge of the Admiralty I have had the honour of being chosen one of the Delegates for Ann Arundel County. I have received no commission nor acted in any manner under the appointment, and am determined to decline acting in that Department of Judge Admiral. Be pleased to signify this to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Convention with my thanks for their favour in appointing me.

28 Sept. 1776

I am yr most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
J Hall.

Original.

[Nicholson to Council.]

Baltimore Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen. I received yours desiring my attendance to adjust the Defence's accounts. I was under the necessity immediately upon my return here of sending the Clerk and Purser down to the Eastern Shore after men of the Frigate and expect their return in five or six days, when I certainly will attend with them for that purpose, let my business with the Frigate be ever so pressing.

I am Gent<sup>n</sup> Your most oblidged, hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> &<sup>c</sup>  
James Nicholson

Original.

[Calwell to Convention.]

Harford County Sep<sup>t</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen. Inclosed you have my commission. The reason of my laying it down is that on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month our Battalion was called together to signalize themselves, but from the cowardice of the greatest part of the Company that I had the command of and I think I cant head them with honour therefore Chuse to Resign my Commission, though not the cause for have the interest of my country at hart as much as ever and am still willing and ready to act in a private capacity with Gentlemen that have distinguished themselves as men of courage. I beg leave to return you thanks and the Gentlemen that recommended me to that honor for the good opinion they had of me.

I am Gen<sup>t</sup> Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Calwell.

C. S. J.

Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. M<sup>r</sup> Carroll attended. Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay John Davidson six Pounds, fifteen shillings for Boatage.