

gelists of Almighty God that the above acc^t is just and true c. s. c.
to the best of his Knowledge.

Sworn before Jacob Young

[J. Martin to Council.]

Baltimore Nov. 25th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I received yours of the 21st and as you did not write to me concerning the Sailors wages I thought it my duty to acquaint your Hon^{ble} Board, that the few vessells now fitting out in this place Gives from 11 to 12 £ p^r month for common hands, and officers wages is what they please to ask. Mates has 15 £ p^r month as I shall have but few seamen this passage I Think it Requisit to have an officer of merines it is much wanting in a harbor, and at sea they serve to work the Guns. if you think it proper, I shall be glad M^r Bond may have the preferance.

I cant Ship a Sailor for want of articles and then as I agree with them I can make them sign and be on the sure side.

When I get the articles I can git men in great plenty by telling them I shall have a commission, and I hope as I had the promise last voyage, and as I sail for lowe wages and Refused good offers in vessels that have made fortunes, this voyage I hope according to promise to have a commission and Doe some good for my-selfe and country. Capt. Stone came the 18th Instant with the Baly, and a parcel of men, to take the Brig But I defended her with 4 men, and still keep possession, though the Sheriff putt his hand on the side and said he Deliver'd her as Cap^t Stones property, sum thing strange that a man to Deliver a thing he cant git possession of.

I am Gentlemen,
Your H^m Serv^t
John Martin.

[J. Tilghman to Council.]

Col^o Tilghman's Nov. 25th 1776.

Gentleme n.

I received the inclosed letter from Doct. Pine by yesterday's Post and as it greatly concerns our Soldiery have thought proper to lay it before your Board. The Doct. is a man of veracity and what he advances may be relyed on. a discrimination of that nature among Soldiers cannot be submitted to and is enough to check the ardor of the bravest man upon Earth. I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect.

Gentlemen,
Your most obed^t & Humb^l Serv^t
Ja. Tilghman.