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No. 57.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

The Committee of Observation for Balt. County.

Gentlemen. Some papers of an alarming nature have been produced to our Board by Melchior Keener; signed Legion dated in Baltimore Town originating in a Club called the Whig Club as we are informed, which seems to assume to themselves not only Legislative but even Executive powers, and we hear others of the like import have been sent to several persons—conceiving ourselves vested by the late Convention with the executive Powers, we cannot pass over this Proceedure without Notice; it is contrary to our Association, flying in the face of a Resolve of Congress and against the spirit of our Declaration of Rights. The peace of the State ought to be preserved therefore we call upon you the Committee of observation for Baltimore County to point out to us any person, who may have acted contrary to the Resolves of Convention or the Laws of this State so as to endanger the same and we will take the proper steps to secure their Persons and have them brought to a regular Tryal. At the same time we must press you to an exertion of your authority to prevent all irregularities and disorders, tending in their consequences to prejudice the common cause; for on steadiness and unanimity amongst ourselves depend our success; whereas the conduct of the Whig Club, if truly represented to us, will manifestly introduce anarchy and a total end of all regular Government.

P. S. We are sending forward in consequence of your letter, all the vessels we can procure to the Head of Elk.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1776

Original.

[R. Christie to Council.]

Nottingham Furnace 13<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen.

I did myself the honor of writing to your President the 10<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> acquainting him that on the night of the 4<sup>th</sup> of this month, myself and a number of the inhabitants of Baltimore had been drove from their houses by a Mob. I mentioned all the circumstances of the transaction so fully then, that it is needless to say any thing more on the subject now. I have every reason to believe, that none us can return again to Baltimore w<sup>t</sup> any prospect of safety to our persons untill times alter. For my own part I am so fully convinced of this, that I am determind to retire into some remote corner of the Province, at least for some little time. By my absence the