

here. Had we not taken this measure, our Emission would have been useless here and the Commercial Connection between this and our Province would have been greatly if not totally obstructed had exchanged the whole sum with the merchants & shopkeepers and we have advanced as per account enclosed. M^r Hughes having obt^d a large sum of Continental money he exchanged with us as far as we had our Convention Currency in our Hands: this gives us a fresh fund to keep up the Credit of our money here. You'll be pleased to advise us whether this measure of ours meets with your approbation, if not we will remit the whole immediately to you.

Cap^t Stricker being appointed L^t Co^l of the German Battalion and being desirous to proceed immediately to Frederick County to forward with all expedition the raising of the Companies, we thought proper to advance him 1520 dollars of the Sum appropriated for that Purpose; and we also have taken the Liberty of advancing Col Ware £15. 0. 0 and Major Gist £67: 10.—which sums they request you will charge to their account.

We are Gent.

Your obed^t Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

T. Stone

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Philadelphia 22nd July 1776.

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[Matthew Tilghman to Jenifer.]

Talbot July 22nd 1776.

Sir.

I must beg the favour of you to lay before Council the inclosed Pet. If I have not paid absolute obedience to their order I trust they will impute it, not to a disposition to dispute their authority, but to the real cause. The saving to the public a considerable expence, or to myself an heavy and irreparable loss. If the Council consider the matter in the light in which I have endeavoured to place it, and which in my opinion is the true one, I am confident they will have no difficulty in granting my prayer: and I hope they will pay some attention to the hint of keeping an armed Boat to ply for the security of this part of the Eastern Shore. Be pleased to offer my petition immediately to the Board and whatever may be their determination, I must beg the favour of you to transmit it to me by the [bearer] who will wait.

I am Sir Your Most obed^t Serv^t
Mat. Tilghman

To the Hon^{ble} Dan^l of S^t Tho^s Jenifer Esq.
Charles Carroll, or any other Member of the Council
of Safety in Annapolis.