

Lib. J. R. decline Acting thro' Infirmity, it is well known he was left  
& U. S. out of the Commission about 20 years ago (without the least  
Notice) when he was in the Prime of Life and full Health,  
as it was then reported for Inebriety, Gaming and keeping low  
Company, and for several years past he has been infirm with  
the Gout and other Disorders.

To Upton Scott Esq<sup>r</sup> Clerk of the Council } I am Sir  
your humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Ruxton Gay.

Baltimore Town 22<sup>d</sup> April 1767.

Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Ruxton Gay handed to me this day yours directed by  
Order of the Governor and Council to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Nicholas Ruxton  
Gay, William Aisquith, Samuel Owings, Richard Richard and  
myself, acquainting us that two Petitions Signed by Sundry  
Inhabitants of this County have been presented to his Excel-  
lency Complaining of Our extorting various illegal and Op-  
pressive Fees for Services Performed by us as Magistrates  
p. 461 and that we must take proper Measures to acquit Ourselves of  
the Imputations with which we are Charged; As for my own  
part I do deny the Charge of the Petitioners being very Sen-  
sible have not taken any Fee from any Persons for performing  
my Duty as a Magistrate. But as a Private Person I make a  
point of making People Pay me for writing for them, which I  
think no Law nor the Oath I have taken as a Magistrate can  
prevent me for so doing. Should his Excellency and Council  
think it necessary for me to appear before them with any of  
the Petitioners or all of them I will readily do it, were I can  
make every of the said Petitioners appear Persons of no truth  
in regard to their Charge against me as a Magistrate. I hope  
you will Please send me p the first Convenient Opportunity  
Copies of the two Petitions that I may have an Opportunity  
of knowing the Petitioners

I am Sir  
your most Obed<sup>t</sup> and hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
P. S. Pray set the Petitioners Benjamin Rogers.  
Names down I will pay all Charges  
for them.

To  
Upton Scott Esq<sup>rs</sup>

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup>

We the Subscribers, Inhabitants of Baltimore Town after  
Reading or hearing Read a Copy of a Petition of part of the  
German Inhabitants of the Town setting forth their Ag-  
grievances to your Excellency, that but a Small number of  
them understand the English Language and they are at a  
great Expence to get Interpreters which they say are not