

Letter about twelve o'clock at night and despatched the ~~at time enough~~
to cross the Bay before Morning and, under an impression that no regular
N. 187. Intercourse could be kept up between the two Shores, I sent what things I could give
which were immediately necessary. The blank commissions and my Request
to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, to advance, out of the Public Money,
what might be necessary with the approbation and allowance of the
Hon^{ble} Matthew Silghman, Robert Goldsborough and William Paca Esquire
or either of them and afterward the like Request was made in council
under which, I am informed, considerable Sums of Money have been
advanced by the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore and, I hope, have been
properly applied. I have mentioned these circumstances which, I
flatter myself, will satisfactorily account to you for the apparent
Irregularity, which was altogether owing to the then Situation of
our Affairs.

S. J.

The House of Delegates }
6th Nov^r 1777. }