

Council Chamber April 17<sup>th</sup> 1795

Sir

It has been represented to me that the Town of Baltimore is in imminent danger from Vessels coming from sea with contagious disorders and entering the Port before the Health officer can go on board and examine them. and that there is no other effectual means to prevent this danger unless Vessels coming from sea and bound to Baltimore are stopped at the Fort at Whetstone Point. It is of very great importance to the State and particularly to Baltimore Town to prevent the introduction of infectious Disorders. I therefore request the favour of you to co-operate with and assist the Health officer to carry into effect the Law of this State on that subject, and that you will not permit any Vessel coming from any foreign Port and bound to the Port of Baltimore to pass Whetstone point without having a written permission or certificate of Health from the Health officer. as the duties hereby required of you are of a delicate nature it may not be improper to premise that in the Exercise of this power great caution and discretion will be necessary.

Captain Bruff  
Whetstone point.

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John H. Stone

In Council April 17<sup>th</sup> 1795.

Sir

We have received your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant. on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August last the Executive appointed Dr. Eogh. Health officer for the port of Baltimore and we now enclose to you the Instructions given to him. Doctor Proff was invested solely with the Powers of Health officer to obviate the Inconvenience which was represented to us to have existed from the Equality of powers possessed by the several Health officers at the same time.

We wish as soon as possible after the establishment of a Committee of Health to have their Recommendation of a person well qualified for a post of so much Importance to the welfare of Baltimore. and we shall immediately thereafter adopt such Measures as shall appear to be best calculated to carry into full Effect, the Law on this subject, so far as is within the powers.

We have written to Mr. DeLozier to give a statement of the Tonnage