

Sir

Annapolis Sept. 22nd 1814

Your letter of the 26th of June last communicating
request of the board of Directors of the Conococheague
that Wmth Beard should be appointed a Notary
Public at Williamsport, was received in the 10th month
July, and was taken into consideration at the next
meeting of the Council, in the early part of August
The recommendation of this gentleman by the
Directors (and yourself) could not but be deemed very satisfactory
in view of his qualification for the office desired for him,
as there yet existed a single obstacle to his
appointment which I did not consider myself justified
in regarding, it was my intention, from motives of
personal regard for yourself as well as the respect for
the Board, to have addressed to you at the time a
detailed explanatory letter upon the subject, this however
delayed, at the moment from a variety of
occurrences that happened to occupy my time,
and more by the extreme illness of one of my sons, which
terminated in his death a few days ago. This information
I hope, induces you to excuse the lateness of the
present letter. Since the late change of the constitution,
which has placed the power of nomination, to office was
vested in the Governor, I have considered it a
most and proper general rule for the regulation of my