

Col. Tilghman's 200.19th 1776.

Gentlemen.

Your favor, the 14th Inst. notifying my re-appointment and desiring that I would join the Board as soon as possible, I received only this morning; had it reached me sooner I should have taken the earliest opportunity of answering it to obviate any inconveniences which might arise from the want of your full complement of members.

The repeated honors I have experienced from the Convention merit my warmest acknowledgments and afford agreeable Testimonials of their approbation of my Conduct as a member of the Council, and I could wish it were still in my power, without making too great a sacrifice, to remain of that Body, as the fullness of my gratitude would, perhaps, be better manifested by a Continuation in that department, than any professions I can make; but as that cannot be effected unless under such circumstances as scarcely leave it optional to act or not, and in my opinion will justify a temporary retirement with one who has been so long and constantly engaged in the service of the Public as I have, I am obliged, however reluctantly, to decline a further continuance, and to request you to accept this as my resignation. When I was last in Company with the President of the Convention I desired he would do me the favor to signify to them the impracticability of my remaining longer at your Board, and to request for me that I might not be in the nomination, but I presume as I am in, it escaped his memory from the hurry of Business and was not intimated to them: I am persuaded if it had been they would have dispensed with my acting any longer in that Station, and cheerfully indulged me with the resp. which I am now constrained to take.

I have the Honor to be most respectfully,
Gentlemen.

The Honble.)

Council of Safety }
Annapolis }

Yr Obedt^t Wble Serv^t
W. Tilghman,

Head of Elk. 20th Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen.

By Capt Norris I have sent you a parcel of Armes, as tis now a long time since I have heard from Mr Winters, I have made so free as to trouble your Honours with them, have sent the Bill Inclosed. I should have been down to Annapolis long since had not the service (which my whole time has lately been spent in) oblig'd my stay here, but I hope in a few days to be so much at liberty as to have the Honour of waiting on your Honours, and flatter my selfe of giving satisfaction, and also to receive more full instructions relative to the large well pieces, your Honours will observe that I have had two of them stocked one I thought