

The letter referred to by Sr. Tilghman on last page, was by mistake  
transcribed on the opposite or next page, to which the reader is directed.  
What follows on this page must be read after the letter of Doct. Pine.

Stafford County Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gent<sup>l</sup>

As I understand some of the Gallies are nearly ready for which  
your Honorable Board has the appointment of officers - I would therefore  
beg leave to remind you of two Gent<sup>l</sup> who have been recommended to  
you by sundry persons who are well acquainted with them - Their names  
are Capt. Bennet Matthews and John Stevenson of Hartford County - Capt.  
Matthews is well acquainted with the Sea and is a Gent<sup>l</sup> of Integrity and  
attachment to the American Cause - he applies for a Capt<sup>l</sup>'s Com-  
mission - John Stevenson is a worthy deserving young man or well  
acquainted with Military Discipline as most young men in our Coun-  
ty - he applies for a First Lieutenantcy and should your Honors think  
proper to appoint him he would be desirous of serving under Capt<sup>l</sup> Mat-  
thews - They are both natives of this Province.

I am Gent<sup>l</sup> with great Respect  
Your very humble Serv<sup>t</sup> -  
John Archer -

The Honble.

Council of Safety in  
Annapolis

November 27<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gent<sup>l</sup>

As Capt. Bennet Matthews has made application to your  
Hon<sup>rs</sup> for a Capt<sup>l</sup>'s place in one of the Gallies now building, and  
as Capt. Alexander Cowin and Mr. Archib<sup>d</sup> Buchanan has one nearly  
ready, and wants a Capt<sup>l</sup> to take charge of her; and as I am well  
acquainted with Capt. Matthews and know him to be a good Seaman  
and a sober man, begg leave to recommend him as a proper person  
for such a place, and shall take it as a favour if your Honours  
should think proper to give him a birth.

I am Gent<sup>l</sup> Yr<sup>s</sup>

The Honble.

The Council of Safety of  
Maryland

Ant<sup>l</sup> obed<sup>t</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> -  
Aquila Hall.

Philadelphia Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Tuesday Morning -

Gentlemen.

In my last I expressed some hopes of prevailing on Congress  
to give our State some satisfaction as to the back lands, and the mode  
by which the Proportion of the Expenses of the war was to be paid by