

N<sup>o</sup> 63. To the Committee of Safety of Virginia

Gent<sup>l</sup> At 8 o'Clock on Tuesday Night our two Pil-  
Boats returned to this Place with Intelligence that  
a Man of War and two Tenders were pushing up the  
Bay; that in the Mouth of Potomac River they had  
Prize of a New-England Vessel, and that we might  
hourly expect them off our Harbours. We imme-  
diately dispatched  
by Expresses to Baltimore Town, and other Parts  
of the Province with Orders for the Militia  
to hold themselves in Readiness to march. The  
high Wind all Day on Wednesday prevented these  
armed Vessels proceeding up the Bay. Yesterday  
half past three past Meridian they were in sight  
and pushed fast up the Bay; having taken several  
small Vessels on their Way. The Ship, which was  
imagined to be the Liverpool, came to an Anchor  
last Night of the Mouth of Potomac-River.  
The Tenders kept under Sail. In early this Morning  
the Flag weighed and we profane, proceeded up  
Potomac to take or destroy our Ship Defence  
(and)