

No. 52. To Charles Smith Esq. and the Committee of
Observation for Baltimore County.

Sir. We are much hurried - the hostile
Fleet are sailed down the Bay, and we are confident
they will return in two or three Days, therefore
prepare for your Defence - We ordered Part of
Col: Meems's Battalion at 12 o'Clock last Night
to guard West-Quier, and at 12 o'Clock to Day
which was the Time the Obe was weighing Anchor
ordered the Remainder of that Battalion to hasten
down along the Bay-Side toward the Mouth of
Patuxent & to show themselves ready to oppose
any Attempt of Landing, and if they should land
without a Flag, to fight it out to the last,
with them - The £1000. you mention, shall
be sent by the first Opportunity - We have a
great Deal to say to you and shall be glad
to see you to Morrow or next Day, - we are all
worn to the Stumps.

Yrs
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14th March 1776