

N^o. 81. To James Tilghman Esq^r

Sir,

The Business before this Board daily becomes more important and consequently requires, as full a Council as may be, we hope therefore before this reaches you, that your Line with your Cousin is settled, and that it will not be inconvenient for you to attend your Brethren immediately: we are the more earnest in making this requisition, as Colonel Plater intends to Saint Marys in a few Days, and then we shall be left with only four Members. Mr. Smith pleads the necessity of staying at his Ship yard about the Building the Gondola, in excuse for his non attendance, and Mr. Hand has resigned his Seat.

26 July 1776. We are &c.

N^o. 82. To Committee of Observation of Baltimore County
Gentlemen,

The Activity shown by your Committee in exerting itself in the common cause, in which we are all engaged, it is hoped will be attended, with the success it merits, and which is so exceedingly necessary at this alarming and important juncture of time as without ~~without~~ Arms and Blankets, little prospect of a favourable Campaign can arise, if the Troops were ever so numerous.

Agreeable to your request therefore, and to expedite the Business, we have transmitted to you by Captain Yates, the Thousand Pounds, the Disposal of which you will be pleased to render us an Account.

No Account has yet been sent to this Board of the Expenditure of the Thousand Pounds, advanced at the time of the alarm, occasioned by the Otter, omitted, we suppose, thro' the hurry of Business and therefore desire you will furnish it by the first opportunity.

26. July 1776.

We are &c.