

Yesterday appointed Commander of the Ship Defence now lying
at Annapolis bound out on a cruise; and the Honorable Convention
have directed us to inform you of this appointment and to request
your immediate attendance to take the Command of said Ship
13 September 1776. We are &c:

N^o 185. To Colonel Benjamin Rumsey & Jam^s: Tilghman Esq^r
Gentlemen,

We are directed by the Convention to request your
Attendance in the Council of Safety immediately — be pleased to
signify when you can attend — the President is left with only
three others who are all Members of the House, and the Convention
do not incline to any new appointment until they hear from the
absent Members. We are &c:

13 September 1776.

N^o 186. To Col^o: Benjamin Rumsey.

Sir,
We received your letter by the Post, and
observe what is said about the expenditure of the
three hundred Pounds, formerly sent the Committee
of Hartford — we need say nothing in answer to
that at present, nor to what you say.