

Fredonick County Set.
October 31 1776

Then came Anthony Lovell before me the Sub-
scriber and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that
the above acct is just and true to the best of his knowledge -

Sworn before -

Jacob Young

Baltimore Nov 25th 1776.

Gentlemen -

I received yours of the 21st and as you did not write to
me concerning the Sailors Wages I thought it my duty to acquaint your
Honble Board, that the new Vessels now fitting out in this place gives
from 11 to 12 £ pr Month for Common hands, and Officers Wages is what
they please to ask: Mates has 15 £ pr month as I shall have but few seamen
this passage I think it requisite to have an officer of merines it is much
wanting in a harbor, and at sea they serve to work the guns - if you
think it proper, I shall be glad Mr. Bond may have the preference.

I Cant Ship a Sailor for want of articles and then as I agree
with them I Can make them sign and be on the new side -

When I get the articles I can get men in great plenty by telling
them I shall have a Commission, and I hope as I had the promise last voy-
age, and as I sail for lowe Wages and Refuse all goods offers in ves-
sels that have made fortunes, this voyage I hope according to promise
to have a Commission and Doe some good for my selfe and Country.
Capt. Stone Came the 18th Instant with the Baly, and a parcel of men,
to take the Brig But I defencled her with 4 men, and still keep posses-
ion, though the Sheriff puts his hand on the side and saide he Deliver'd
her as Capt. Stones property. Something Strange that a man to Deliv-
er a thing he Cant get possession of.

I am Gentlemen -

To The Hon^{ble}

Council of Safety

Annapolis

Your Hon^{ble} Serv^t

John Martin

Col^o Tilghman's Nov-25th 1776.

Gentlemen)

I received the inclosed letter from Doct. Pirie by yesterday's
Post, and as it greatly concerns our Soldiering have thought proper to lay it
before your Board - The Doct. is a man of veracity and what he advances may
be relied on - a discrimination of that nature among Soldiers cannot be sub-
mitted to and is enough to check the ardor of the bravest men upon earth.
- I leave the Honor to be with the greatest respect, Gentlemen.

The Hon^{ble}. Council of Safety
of Maryland.

Your most Obed^t & Hum^{ble} Serv^t

Ch. Tilghman