

Nottingham Furnace 13th Dec. 1776.

Gentlemen.

I did myself the honor of writing to your President the 10th Inst. acquainting him, that on the night of the 4th of this month, myself and a number of the inhabitants of Baltimore had been drove from their houses by a Mob. I mentioned all the circumstances of the transaction so fully then, that it is needless to say any thing more on the subject now. I have every reason to believe, that none us can return again to Baltimore wth. any prospect of safety to our persons untill times alter. For my own part I am so fully convinced of this, that I am determined to retire into some remote corner of the Province, at least for some little time. By my absence the public business of the County will be thrown into some confusion, especially the collection; not above one fourth of which is yet made, and consequently many of the public Creditors are unpaid. If the Council of Safety think proper that I should finish the collection, I propose putting it into the hands of Mr Moses Galloway, who is a person of property and unexceptionable character. And I shall give him directions to apply every shilling he collects to the payments of the County debts, and I am content to wait for my own claim untill the others are paid. Or if you think proper to take it out of my hands, I am ready to settle an account with the County, and if after deducting my own claims which have been levied by the Court, there appears any balance due by me, I am ready to pay it to any person you direct. The last mode will be most agreeable to me. I apprehend it will be necessary to publish some resolve on the subject, as too many of the people are ready to catch at any excuse, and will not pay without something of this sort is done. It has been said by some of my enemies since my departure that I am considerably indebted to the County. The contrary will appear to be the case upon examination. For I am considerably in advance for 1775, and altho' I cannot exactly say how the account stands for the present year, yet from the smallness of the collection I am pretty confident, that after deducting my own claims, which were allow'd at the Levy Court, little or nothing remains in my hands, which as I said before I am able and willing to pay. It is necessary something should be speedily done in this affair, and as you are much better Judges of the mode than I can pretend to be, I shall say nothing further on the subject. Please to favor me with an answer by Mr Galloway, and believe me with much respect,

The Honble. The Council of Safety
at Annapolis

Gentlemen,
Yours most Obed^t. Servant.
Robt Christie Junr

Philadelphia Decem^r. 14th 1776.

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By the Bearer, George Foy, I send the several Bills
(relating)