

hath commanded us not to steal, the tender law authorises theft, as hath been clearly proved, therefore it ought to be repealed or amended,

Many more reasons might be assigned for the repeal of that law, but as your Petitioner heretofore and in this petition hath adduced such as are convincing, and cannot be refuted He hopes for such relief by an Amendment of the tender law, as the General Assembly may in justice think proper to grant, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

Sir

Baltimore 25th Novem^r 1778

B & P's debt to yours at the request of your good Father hath for some 18 months lain silent; I wrote you with an offer of the Interest then due: I was answered by the old Gent^l desiring I would let it Rest awhile which I construed was a hint that the tender Bill might be softened or repealed, mean while avoiding calling in money from safe hands & having other County debts to discharge, to which I wished a preference in the modern mode, I have not hitherto suffered much by taking his advice, but debts due me now crowding in, & no appearance of equal relief, I am compelled in justice to my Creditors & to my family, to seek the discharge of my Debts in the way I am obliged to receive them, & therefore hoping your most favourable Construction thereon, I take the liberty of Requesting from you a state of the Balance due on B & P's Bond, that I may wait on you or send the amount, my doubts whether the bond may be at Annapolis or Elk Ridge is the cause of my troubling you with this, however your delivering the acct. to M^r S. I know in your favor will save ^{you} any further trouble & oblige

Sir your ob^d & able Serv^t

W. B.