(91) Head of Elk, Month the 6th 1779

Agreeable to your Excellency's Request of the 10th of February last which just Come to Hand I here Inclose you a State of all the Cloathing Collected by me on Debitage for this State I have Not as yet Met with an opperturnity to send the small Ballance which Remains in my hands as yet. But shall as soon as a safe one offers — the Generall Assembly Funden Bond are to Meet Yearly in this Month June in hopes that Congress will be able with the assistance of the Severall Assemblys of the States to find some way to Put a Stop to the Rapid Decline of Publick Credit if Not Restore it. I have Been allarmed at the Decline of our Credit More then the arms of Britain tho they were one in full Possession of the Greater Part of my Estate as the Decline of Publick Credit hath Been Much owing to the want of Virtue amoungst our Selves Both Wigs and Tories have helped Much as the Greate Reason we had Not suffered as Much from the Hand of Tirany to Put the Seal Blown on Liberty and almost Every Person turned to think that the Downfall of the Old Constitution was to Make them Rich Like the Taking of Constantinople by the Turks — a Number of People are Risen in this Part of the County applying to Gett Relieved by the Late Law from the assessment in Corn Insteaden it is well as Matt But many will applie that Could Do well with out as many Has I have Not in hopes Many would take the Example as our Taxes have Borne No Proportion to our annall Expence and untill this Do our Credit will Decline

I am with the Greatest Esteem your Excellency's Very Humble Servant

Jos. Gilpin

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.