Business is miserably dull and I have no means of raising funds to pay off some of my small Bills for which I am most intolerably dunned, though not with any appearance as far as I can see of any thing like uneasiness or misgivings on the part of my creditors. Money I think must be scarce as I am frequently called upon by persons wishing to borrow. I have not as yet had what I consider an offer for the purchase of the store though I have received and answered several communications and am now waiting an answer from a Lawyer of the Eastern Shore through his friend residing here. Two Gentlemen are to see me this evening relative to it. Since I commenced writing Ricketts has called and though very indulgent for some time past is getting urgent in his demands. Please write as soon as possible what course you would have me pursue in regard to raising the money as I am very much in want of it, also what you have to say with respect to the Lot. I have left a blank which you can fill up better perhaps to suit you than I could, as I do not know whom you would like to have as endorser. I shall await an answer to this with considerable anxiety as I have promised Ricketts & several others to pay them very shortly. Love to all

Your affectionate Son

John H Tilghman

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Four Months after date please pay to the order of Six Hundred Dollars for value received & oblige

Your respectfully

John H Tilghman

To John Tilghman Esq
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