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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 & 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 there, 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 wt. 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 wch. is yet made, & consequently many of the public creditors are unpaid. If the Council of Safety think proper that I should finish the collection, I propose putting into the hands of Mr. Moses Galloway, who is a person of property & unexceptionable character. And I shall give him directions to apply every shilling he collects to the payment of the bounty debts, & I am content to wait for my own claims, untill the others are paid —

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