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Talbot Court House
February 23. 1778

We have received your Excellency's letter of the Seventeenth instant and have adjourned the Court of Oyer & Terminer for the Eastern Shore to Monday the Ninth day of March next of which we thought proper to acquaint your Excell.y by express as we are informed by Mr Baker that Mr Martins Commission was not sent over by him as mentioned in your Excell.y letter and perhaps may lye in some Gentlemens hands at Annapolis & forgotten if not sent some other way by express The prisoners from Dorchester and Somerset Countys were sent here but no return has appeared from Dorchester Worcester Kent or Cecil Countys We have received four packets of Papers from Queen Anne supposed to be the papers mentioned in your Excell.y letter & shall examine and proceed to issue the necessary summons for such persons as they refer to If Mr Martins Commission is not gone the bearer Isaac Dobson will be a ready hand to carry it & may be depended on. We be

Sir

your most humble servants

John Beard
Chamino
Jos. Bewley

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MARYLAND.

P. S. a letter from your Excell.y directed to Col.o Simpson containing a Deposition or depositions was taken up by a Negro Boy belonging to Capt. Haddaway on the Bay side open and is now in the hands of Mr John Gibson who puts it under cover and will forward it as directed