Sir 85th

I am informd that in Consequence of late Events the Bond wth your Excellency and the Council ordered me to execute is no longer of any Validity; you will therefore excuse me when I desire to have the Bond delivered up to me; as I am told the Commitment was grounded on an Act of Assembly passed in March last, wch I have not yet been able to procure a Sight of, and therefore cant judge of with Certainty.

Should that Act be different from what it is represented to be, or should the Commitment be authorized by any Powers derived from another Fountain, I beg your Excellency & the Council will permit me to repair to Annapolis, where I shall make a Proposal, that in my opinion will put it out of my Power, was I ever so ill inclined, to injure the State, and at the same Time save me from that Ruin which is now approaching with hasty Strides, and must overwhelm me in my present Confinement. I am Your Excellency's

Wye July 24th 1778 most obedt humble Servant

Edw Tilghman Jr

His Excy Gov Johnson.

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.