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Samuel Smith to Tench Coxe, Baltimore, 28 April 1788

Permit me to Congratulate you on the Ratification of the new Constitution by this State--The Convention met on Monday Last & form'd Rules for their Government--On Tuesday Mr. ^{J.} T. Chase Made a Motion to discuss the subject Paragraph by Paragraph, which was rejected 58 to 4--The Question was Call'd for when the opposition Beg'd to be heard--which was granted--Mess. Chase Paca & Mercer spoke--But were not answer'd--On Saturday afternoon the Question was put & Carried for the Ratification 63 agt 11. Two federal Members were Absent on the E shore--This Day at 4 O'Clock--The Ratification will be publicly sign'd--A Committee of 13 was Appointed to frame Amendments which if Approv'd will be submitted to the Consideration of the good People of Maryland--

A sloop will sail this Day for Charlestown but we think it will be of material Consequence that the Accot. should go there early.--Should oppy. Offer from Philada. you will no doubt send an Accot. of the Ratification--Altho: 11 Members Voted against the Constitution--Yet I am well Convinc'd the Majority of their Constituents are federal

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