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- 12 encloses 3 issues of Fabius; reports on Md convention - confining the question to ratification only; comments on election to convention; canvassing, deliberation, satisfaction of electorate; ref. to Martin, Chase, Poca, Ridge.

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~~was sent to~~ Portsmouth N.H. ~~to~~ Philadelphia 2 May 1788

~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~purpose~~ ~~of~~ ~~conveying~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~ ~~the~~ ~~three~~ ~~last~~ ~~numbers~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Journal~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Continental~~ ~~Congress~~

~~which~~ ~~will~~ ~~reach~~ ~~you~~ ~~in~~ ~~time~~ ~~and~~ ~~which~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~of~~ ~~great~~ ~~use~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~

I have the pleasure of enclosing you the three last numbers of Jabius which with the others hope will reach you & be of the service we both wish of attention is paid to ~~being~~ ~~known~~. I have the further pleasure of congratulating you upon the accession of the State of Maryland. Much opposition had been expected from the Preventions & interest of certain leaders Martin Chace Parce Ridgely Vothus but it is worthy remark that they could only get themselves into the house - The people hearing very generally rejected their friends & just as were likely to support them - Their Spirit being of the Country being against their Sentiments. When the business came before the Convention, it was quickly seen that ~~to~~ a very large majority were for the Adoption & that those who were against it would use every art to prevent ~~that~~ it.

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The first step was to confine ^{the} question to the one
 grand point - The second to dog the intended Garrisonality & long
 winded opposition of certain persons -

I was adopted in a few days by 63 to M. - It is
 said M. Paine joined the Majority -

In no State has the subject been so fully con-
 sidered as in Maryland, in no State the Delegates
 chosen with so much deliberation, the election being open
 for some days - In no State did the minds of the people
 & their representatives appear so satisfied - Much has
 been written against it there, but it was rather the
 emanation of a very confined circle -

I participate the happiness you must feel
 at the prospect of your labors not being in vain -
 I remain with respects
 your friend & servant
 Wm Vaughan

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