

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1781

The Council met

Present His Excellency William Pava Esquire Governor

The Honorable Charles Maltree Esquire Pava & John Davidson Esquire

Samuel Ingham Esquire, elected a Member of the Council attended and qualified before Allen Ingram Esquire one of the Justices of the Superior County, by making, repeating and subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion, and taking, repeating, and subscribing the several Oaths required by the Constitution and Form of Government and the Laws of this State. Certificates thereof filed.

The following Address was sent to the Marquis De La Fayette

Annapolis 30<sup>th</sup> November 1781

Sir,

In Council

We the Governor and Council of Maryland beg leave with the most entire Respect and Heart felt Satisfaction to embrace this first opportunity of your Presence in the Metropolis of this State since the Establishment of our Peace to offer You our warmest Congratulations, and to express our high and grateful Sense of the illustrious Share which you bore in the accomplishment of that happy Event! -

The early and decided Part, which you took in the Cause of American Liberty and Glory, your generous Services for us in the Court of your August Monarch, our great and good Will, and your wise and Magnanimous Conduct in the Field upon many of the most arduous Occasions of the War, have endeared your name to America, and enrolled it high in the List of Patriots and Heroes the Supporters of her Liberty and Founders of her Empire! -

May Sir, your future Days be as great and Honourable as the past; and may Heaven take under its peculiar Care and Protection a Life so eminently distinguished for its Attachment and Devotion to the Rights and Liberties of Mankind

With every Sentiment of Regard and Respect

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Wm Pava

To the Honorable the Marquis De La Fayette

to which the Marquis returned the following Answer