

Sirs

In Council December 12th 1787

N^o 132.

We do ourselves the honour of requesting of
Your Excellency, that a sufficient number of Members of the
Board, have qualified, and that it is proposed to go to mess
into the appointment of Magistrates.

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MARYLAND.

Your Excellency
Gov^t Smallwood

We are very respectfully
Sirs

Your Excellency's most Obedient Servant
James Brice Secy

In Council Decem^r 13th 1787

Gentlemen,

The enclosed papers which we have the honour
to lay before you, so fully point out the embarrassed situation
of the naval officer of the eighth district, and the difficulties his
deputies have had to encounter in the execution of the duties of
that department, that it is unnecessary for us to add any obser-
vations to what he has suggested - the eighth district includes
the chester river and all the head waters of the Chesapeake Bay
to the river Susquehanna, and a very considerable sum would
be drawn from thence into the treasury of the deputies of
the naval officer were not deterred from executing their duty by
the extraordinary opposition exemplified of

The Honorable

The General Assembly

We are
W^m Smallwood