

The President of the United States expresses his confidence that you will take immediate and effectual measures for the suppression of the said vessels as privateers —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Your Excellency's most Obedient servant

His Excellency

Wm. Lenoir

The Governor of Maryland

likewise a private and confidential letter relating to the subject of one of the letters above recited

Whereupon it was Resolved that John Kelly Esquire of the Council be requested to repair immediately to Baltimore; there to make diligent enquiry into the truth of the information stated in the above letters; and if he shall find the same to be well founded, to consult such persons as he shall judge well disposed towards the maintenance of the Laws and the neutrality of the United States, and with their assistance to take prudent, and if need, vigorous measures for the purpose of carrying into effect the object of the President of the United States as expressed in the above recited letters, the said John Kelly Esquire being hereby constituted the representative of the Executive power of this State,

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