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Capt. Mathews is directed to proceed up the Bay & if he meets any
309. Bermudian Vessels outwards bound from Baltimore, that he bring
them into the Mouth of this Harbour and to desire the Masters
to wait on the Council. If he should not meet any, he is to
proceed to Baltimore and to deliver the Letter to the Naval
Officer & to return as soon as possible.

Capt. Mathews.

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310. Sir. I communicated your Letter to the Council; they and I are of
Opinion it is improper we should promote any Measures for
Mr. Phibys coming back again; if he has done any Thing which
may Subject him to the Penalties of our Laws, our taking such
a Step would be an honorary Engagement to interfere in his
Favor, which we should not chuse to come into, but on a
full Knowledge of all Circumstances. The Depositions you
mention have not been produced here, as any of us remember,
if any such should, they will not influence ⁱⁿ your Disfavour
till you have an Opportunity of Contravening them.

I am Sir &c
T. J.

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311. Sir. We understand from several People that a general Suspicion is entertained
in Baltimore Town that large Quantities of Flour have been shipped there and exported
contrary to the late Act of Assembly; it is said to have happened in so many
Instances as to Induce a Suspicion that there must be Negligence in the Execu-
tion of the Naval Office, which, we are informed, is wholly done by Deputy.
In a Department in which the United States are so much interested, and the
Faith and Honor of this State in particular, is so much concerned, the Public
and we, expect the most attentive and vigilant Conduct, and it claims too,
the frequent Superintendance and Inspection, at least, of the Principal.
We are desirous of seeing you on the Subject of the Execution of your
Office and request you'll come to Annapolis to give us the Opportunity.

We are &c

The Hon. Mr. Esq. }
Naval Officer }