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In Council Annapolis 26th Aug^r 1790

Gentlemen.

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The Embargo Law of this State was continued by an Act of the last Session of Assembly, to the tenth Day of September next, and at the same Time the President was authorized and fully empowered to continue the Law until the End of the next Session of the General Assembly, provided the Embargo be continued in the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware: but in Case these States, or either of them should take off the Embargo on their Ports, then, and in such Case we are authorized and requested to take off the Restrictions imposed by the Act of our Legislature. The Act of the Pennsylvania Assembly expires the first of September, but President Reed is of Opinion that, that Assembly, who are to meet before the limited Time, will renew it. The Law of Delaware expires the 20th of October, unless suspended or revoked by the Executive of that State. In this State of Uncertainty, in which we are, respecting the Revival of the Pennsylvania Act, and the Conduct of the President and Privy Council of Delaware, we must have Recourse to your good Offices. We therefore solicit the Favour of you to make the necessary Enquiries and to transmit us the earliest authentic Information for our Government in the Premises.

Delegates in Congress

We are &c

In Council Annapolis 20th Aug^r 1790

Sir.

The great Injuries sustained by the mercantile Interests of Maryland & Virginia and the, almost, entire Interruption of the Navigation of the Bay, by the Privateers and other Vessels of the Enemy, have induced us, in Conjunction with the Merchants of Baltimore Town, to endeavour to capture or clear the Bay of them. For this Purpose, the State armed Boats, two Brigs and some Barges are to be sent down: but as the Enemy's Vessels are numerous and we wish to have such a Force as will certainly answer the intended Purpose; if you or any of the mercantile Gentlemen of your City, have any Vessels that would assist in this Business, they might render not only an essential Service to the Trade; but also to the United States, as the Transportation of Provisions from Virginia, is totally stopped and our Army is much in Want of them. Our Vessels will go down the Bay for some time next Week. This Business ought not to be made public. The enclosed Letter to Governor Jefferson, on this Subject, we beg you to forward by Express.

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Alexandria