

you act so far in concert with the said Agent or Agents with regard to the time of serving the executions, and of proceeding to sale, as to leave no room for the views of the State being defeated by any of the various means which have hitherto been practised to the great disgrace and detrimment of the Government and its Citizens

As we are determined that this necessary method of compelling payment shall not fail through our fault, it follows that we shall bring to a strict account any public officer or other person who in any manner shall act so as to counteract the known intention of the Law. On the other hand those who manifest the contrary disposition cannot fail to acquire credit and advantage. We shall occasionally suggest such arrangements as particular cases may require, to which we trust proper attention will be given.

We are &c.

J. E. Howard.

Sheriffs of Am. Council
Charles, Montgomery, &c }
Harford Counties —

Informal April 15th 1789.

Gentlemen,

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I sincerely desire to ascertain the true nature and extent of our Constitutional authority,

(enclosed)