

Sir,

In Council April 19. 1790

Being informed that you remain in  
 reputation of an answer to your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Feby  
 we give it as our opinion that if the authority of  
 the federal district courts is competent to the decision  
 of all admiralty cases that may by any means arise  
 133 there can be no room for a supposition that the  
 State Admiralty Courts are or ought to be continued.

We are not informed that any such cases are exempted  
 from the Jurisdiction of the district courts and do  
 therefore conclude that the abolition of your court  
 is indicated by the establishment of the other —

Benjamin Nicholson Esq.  
 Balt<sup>o</sup> town.

We are Sir,  
 J. E. Howard

Circular,

In Council April 21<sup>th</sup> 1790

Sir,

We enclose a number of letters from  
 persons in your County, and request you will take  
 the earliest opportunity to forward them agreeably to  
 134 the directions, or where the persons are dead, to their  
 Executors or Representatives.

We are Sir Sir

The Sheriffs

J. E. Howard