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In Council 3. October 1791

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We observe in the Baltimore paper of the 27th ult. that the lands adjoining this City which have been suggested to be the property of the State, are advertised for sale by David Ross Esq^r as deriving authority from Ch^o Bordley - to open a contempt of the State's pretensions points out the necessity of their being asserted in the most vigorous manner; and although the repeated directions we have given you on this subject will shelter this Board from any share of the blame due to a neglect of the public interest, we do once more remind you that we have good reasons to believe the right to the said lands is in this State and we do therefore repeat our opinion that a legal investigation of the same be instituted and pursued to a decision with all practicable speed and effect.

We are &c

A Ridgely Presd^t

Luther & Martin Esq^r
& Atty Gen^l

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Gentlemen, we have enclosed you copies of the Petition and the Order of the Board thereon. It is necessary that the parties interested should be notified of our determination on the subject, in order to prepare for their defence, you are therefore expected to serve the said copies on the parties immediately and to ascertain that fact before the Board at the time of Enquiry into the business. We are &c

Rep: Charles & Hankin
Benjamin Lowood
William Browne
C^o Secretary

J. E. Howard