

Annapolis August 31. 1793.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 25th Instant I beg leave to observe that the President of the United States is the Person to whom the Communication and Remarks contained in it ought to be addressed.

The Governor of Maryland is not authorized to determine officially on the subject of your Representation - It belongs to the Continental Executive; and in every case of this kind in which I interpose I act under authority derived from it. The Proceeding that has taken place respecting the Brig *Marjwell* was by order of the Council of this State, given in consequence of Instructions received from the General Government, and I presume that the acts of the Officers of the Admiralty and Customs of which you complain have been grounded either upon the process of the Judiciary or the directions of the Executive of the Union. but whether they have been thus warranted or not it is not my Province to interpose.

The Citizen *Major*

I have the honor to be
Thos. Lee