

In Council November 7<sup>th</sup> 1794

Gentlemen

We have the Honour to enclose an official Copy of a Resolve of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States passed at their last Session proposing to the Legislatures of the several States an Amendment to the Constitution of the Union. together with a letter from the War Department of the 19<sup>th</sup> of May last in reference to an act of Congress entitled an act directing a Detachment from the Militia of the United States of which act the General Assembly are already in Possession. -

The Provisions of this Law have not been complied with in Maryland on consequence of the Difficulties in organizing the Militia heretofore stated to the Legislature coupled with the Necessity of attending to the extensive Arrangements demanded by the Presidents Requisition of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August last and the Events detailed in our Communication of Yesterday. -

The Honble

General Assembly.

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Council Chamber November 17<sup>th</sup> 1794

Sir

I take the earliest opportunity which my recent Appointment to the Executive would permit of acting on your Representation relative to the Lovely Laps directed to the late Governor. - It has been customary to ground similar applications upon Testimony confirmatory of the suggestions upon which they have been made. but, altho' this has been omitted on the present occasion, I have thought it proper to request the Interference of the Collector of the Customs to detain this Vessel if not already departed until a definitive Enquiry can be accomplished unless upon Examination he shall discover that the suggested Grounds of Detention do not exist. -

In this Examination it is presumed you will assist him. for unless some Inducement is afforded him to prevent the Vessel from departing he will be permitted to sail. The Collector's Examination however will be made merely with a view to a temporary Detention and not as a foundation