

The City of Annapolis is the seat of Government where for ages the Legislature have thought proper to sit here also the Treasury and the important records of the State are kept of course its security is of consequence to the great body of the Citizens especially the landed interest

Its contiguity to the Chesapeake Bay and the mildness of its climate affords a constant refuge and refuge at most seasons of the year its harbour is safe and convenient for vessels of almost every description and in a state of war this Port may be of more consequence to the commercial interest of the Union than at first view would be imagined

There is seldom a winter when shipping may not come into this Port at all times and hence their cargoes take in fresh ones and sail into any part of the world while there is no harbour above it which is not shut up by the Ice from five to eight weeks in the year and it is no uncommon thing to see from twenty to thirty vessels detained here some weeks on account of the difficulty of entering the Port of Baltimore. Should this Port therefore be left without the means of defence it is easy to perceive from the above considerations that an Enemy with a superior Naval force would at once be presented with an object of enterprise and advantage, while a very inconsiderable sum of money judiciously and systematically applied in co-operation with the exertions of the Citizens, would place it in a state of safety

We should not have troubled the President on this occasion, but finding that Congress have annapolis out of the appropriations for