

In Council May 27. 1799

Sir,

We have been honoured with your letter of the 18 instant, and the publications which attended it. - we are duly impressed with the magnitude of Mr Harford's claim, and have, in conformity with your opinion employed the attorney General of this State to assist in defeating it. - you will please to make such communications to him as the nature of the business may require. - we thank you for your polite attention in furnishing us with the arguments on the subject of British Debts.

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In Council Annapolis May 27. 1799

Sir

Mr. Reed agent General for the United States relative to British Debts has given us information of a claim of Mr. Harford's being submitted to the Commissioners under the sixth article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation concluded between his Britannic Majesty and the United States of America; and we have been furnished with the memorial of Mr. Harford on that subject.

We conclude that the interest of the State of Maryland is deeply involved in the determination upon this claim, and under that impression have thought it expedient to request the attention of the attorney General of Maryland to it.