

submitted to the deliberation of your Legislature.

The Gentlemen of Maryland in pursuance of this Resolution, have already appointed Gabriel Duran, John McDowell and Roger Nelson, Esquires, Commissioners on the part of this State; in this selection they have been influenced by the persuasion that the rank which these Gentlemen hold in the confidence of their fellow Citizens, will engage a more acquiescence in the result of their decision.

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In the whole of this procedure, your Excellency, and the Legislature of your State will only discover, the high value which the State of Maryland places on the friendship of Virginia. That cordial co-operation which is progressing in opening the great national advantages common to both States, and which depend on joint exertions for their improvement, furnishes a strong pledge for the adoption of every legitimate means to augment the harmony that at present so happily subsists, and remove every source of future jealousy between the two States. Motives which the frank, and liberal policy of the State of Virginia, cannot fail duly to appreciate.

Your Excellency will have the goodness to apprise me of the result of the deliberations of your State on this subject, and to notify to me of the time, and place of meeting which will fix the convenience of the Commissioners that may be appointed on the part of Virginia, and to receive favourably the expressions of the entire respect and esteem with which I have the honour to be

His Excellency James Munro  
Governor of Virginia

Your Excellency's Most Obedient  
John F. Mercer

In Council November 7. 1801

Gentlemen,

We have the honour to lay before you, so far as we deem it necessary for your information, a brief but correct statement of our official acts since the adjournment of the last Legislature, and a more particular detail of such of our Proceedings, as relate to sundry Resolutions passed by them at their late Session.

Equally to a Resolution on that subject we communicated to the Supreme Executives of the Federal States (with a request that they might be submitted to the consideration of their respective Legislatures) the amendments proposed by the State of Maryland to the Constitution of the United States; and in reply to our communication to the Governor of Connecticut, we have enclosed a copy of Resolutions of that State.