

Annapolis May the 25/1802

Sir,

I have laid the Petition which you enclosed to me before the Council and I have now the honor to enclose to you the result of their opinion and am very

Charles Wayman Esquire

respectfully your obedient servant
John F. Mueser

In Council Chamber Annapolis June 5/1802

Sir,

Considerable time has elapsed since the Executive of this State addressed the Congress of the City of Washington, pressing the payment of the Interest due on several loans made for the use of the City and repayment of the principal sum of fifty thousand Dollars forfeited by a neglect to pay the Interest: your Communications on this subject to Congress and the subsequent proceedings of that Body are now known.

The condition of the Loan of fifty thousand Dollars imposed a presumptory duty on the Executive to put in suit the private securities taken for this loan, and although the Act of the last Session of this Legislature has been considered as conferring in some measure a discretionary power over all debts due to the State, yet it has by no means rendered the duty less urgent. The motives which have hitherto suspended this measure, have been already detailed, and you no doubt see will sufficiently appreciate them.

There are however circumstances belonging to this subject which have not been communicated and which probably may still remain unknown to you: The considerable taxes levied by the State of Maryland, are to be considered rather as means of internal police and regulation than as objects of revenue. He has relied for the support of the State Government almost wholly on the growing interest of an accumulated capital, the produce of the United industry and economy of her Citizens.

Of this a very considerable portion (the Funds they had formerly invested in Dutch Stock of England) you are already apprized has been long and injuriously withheld. They have not only been deprived of the use of their monies, but they have been subjected to considerable expences in the assertion of their right.

The property which the State holds in the Funds of the United States constitutes that subject which has been hitherto the most productive and on which she has chiefly relied. A very great proportion of this has been from time to time loaned by the State for the use of the City of Washington after having contributed to the primary establishment by a liberal donation. Yet for more than two years past the State has not received one shilling of the Interest due on these loans.

Other considerable sums advanced to promote Public Institutions as yet unproductive, you will readily imagine that the pressing application made to the