

Commissioners organized in exercise of indispensable duty and that unless the balance at least due on these loans to the City of Washington shall be speedily discharged, the State may be exposed to extraordinary and unexampled resources and liberal conduct should have intervened.

Under such circumstances the Executive confides that the law of the last Session of Congress, which commits this subject wholly to your discretion, will be carried into that prompt execution which may meet the exigencies of the State of Maryland, and particularly as the United States have made the transaction their own no motive of interest or convenience, can now exist longer to defer the punctual and honorable discharge of the Interest of the debt.

In expressing this confidence of the Executive you will permit me to remark that sentiments of high personal respect and veneration for the principles which guide your administration mingle with the expectations they have formed, and to assure you individually of the respectful consideration with which I have the honor to be your most obedient humble servant

The President of the United States

John F. Mauer

Council Chamber Annapolis June 5, 1802

Sir

I have submitted your Excellency's letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February with its enclosures to the Council of this State, and I have to offer you their cordial reprobation of the sentiments of accommodation which you have been pleased to express on the part of the State of Virginia. In doing this I cannot conceal my surprise that the Executive and Legislature of your State have remained unopposed at so late a date of any pretensions of the State of Maryland, to a different Boundary between them than that which has hitherto been permitted to subsist. On this subject I beg leave to refer you to a Resolution of the Legislature of Maryland passed on the 22<sup>d</sup> of August 1799 and transmitted by the then Governor to you. I have also your Excellency's Ordinance in Office signed by the Hon. Robert Brooke, a copy of which was duly communicated by Governor Stone to the Legislature of this State, a copy of which communication is now on hand, a reference to these documents will evince all objection of merit on the part of this State in these first steps in this unhappy and of pernicious in the last.

The Legislature of Maryland having adopted the broad principle of submitting the whole subject to the decision of mutual Commissioners dependent on the subsequent ratification of the respective States, was not