

The long detention of these funds, and the uncertain state of the European world
under it a very desirable object to have our funds placed at our own disposal
as speedily as possible - conformably to these views, which we believe induced the
Legislature to commit this subject to the Executive at their last Session
and the Executive in their former dispatch to authorize a relinquishment of
a sum of Money on a particular Claim, we have now thought proper
if the President of the United States should approve thereof to extend the
principle to any other Claims or obstacles which may be found to obstruct
this transfer, and an order of Council to that effect is now forwarded
to you inclosed.

The confidence which the State reposes in your discretion, will not
permit this Executive to doubt that you will in no wise make any
sacrifice that you do not believe to be essentially useful, and subject
always to the condition, that it is to be paid on the final receipt of the
Stock by the Trustee of the State, and not till then.

The Honble
William Pinkney

I am with the highest respect & consideration

Your obedient Servant

John F. Mercer

In Council Annapolis August 6: 1803

Sir

You will receive herewith an order of the Governor and Council,
authorizing you to direct your Solicitors to take such measures in
co-operation with the attorney General of Great Britain as may
be necessary to effect an ultimate transfer of the Stock of this State in
the Funds of Great Britain to a Trustee for the use of this State in
conformity with the views and wishes of Mr. King as communicated to
this Executive and through them to yourself. I have the honor to be

The Honble James Chase

John F. Mercer

In Council August 6: 1803

Sir

I have the honor to inclose to you for your personal use a letter
which this Executive have addressed to William Pinkney Esq. on
the subject of the Bank Stock intended for the purchase of the same