

In Council November the 7/1803

Gentlemen,

We have the honor of inclosing a Resignation this day received from the Governor of Maryland, and are with high respect your Obedient Servants  
The honble the General Assembly

Francis Biggs President

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Gentlemen,

As our official Service must by the Constitution this day expire, we have thought proper without delay, to communicate to the General Assembly, the Proceedings of the Board under different Acts and Resolutions of the last Session.

In virtue of the Resolution directing the Governor and Council to adopt measures for the adjustment of the Claim of this State against the United States, for Arms Accoutrements and Military Stores furnished during the Western Expedition in the Year 1794, an application was made to the Secretary at War. His answer which is inclosed marked NP1 will give all the information we possess on this subject. The General Assembly from this can best determine whether any further steps can with propriety be adopted for the adjustment of this Claim.

In pursuance of the Resolutions authorizing the Governor and Council to concert such measures with the President of the United States, as might conduce to the speedy and effectual securing of the Stock of this State in the Funds of Great Britain, William Pinkney, Esquire, was specially empowered by the President (with the approbation of this Executive) to take that business under his management and superintendance. From Mr. Pinkney's well known Character for integrity and talents, and his warm attachment to and Zeal for the interests of his native State, we entertain an unlimited confidence that his exertions will be unremittingly applied to bring this long protracted business to a fortunate and final issue. By Mr. Pinkney's letter marked NP2 it will appear that he has been notified of his appointment; and the letter of Mr. King marked NP3 will shew the Ground on which our Claim stood when he left England. From the lapse of time since the date of Mr. Pinkney's letter, there is reason to suppose that some further communication will shortly be made by that Gentleman.

By an Act of the last Session, the Governor and Council were authorized to compound with the discoverers of Confiscated Property, or with the person or persons applying to purchase the same. In virtue of this power, we have in the course