

In Council November 22 1804

Sr.

Mr. Edward Hall having been appointed Commissioner of Loans for the State of Maryland, This day resigned his seat as a Member of the Council.

It is the wish of the Board that you would attend as early as convenient, to determine on the propriety of filling the vacancy.

The Honble Richard. T. Earle

We are with great respect

Robert Bowie

Centerville

Summers County

In Council November

Gentlemen

We have the honor of communicating a brief statement of our Proceedings in reference to certain specified powers which have devolved upon us, in virtue of special Resolutions and acts of the General Assembly.

It will be seen by recurring to the communications of the Executive, made at the last Session that the President of the United States at the request of the Executive of this State had invested William Pinkney Esquire with full power and authority to negotiate with the British Ministry on the subject of Stock in the British Funds, claimed by the State of Maryland a detailed statement of his authority and powers together with the situation in which the Claim then stood, accompanied that communication. We have now the satisfaction of informing the General Assembly, that this long protracted and embarrassing affair has at length been brought to a final issue and that by the unremitting zeal and attention of Mr. Pinkney a transfer of the Stock was effected on the 15 of August last and now stands in the name of the American Minister for the use of this State. on the happy result of this Negotiation, permit us to tender to the General Assembly our sincere congratulations. The inclosed Papers and letters from Mr. Pinkney will explain more in detail the present value of the Stock, the terms upon which the transfer has been made, and all the embarrassing circumstances that have attended the progress of this business. The Inclosure marked A which is a copy of a letter to the Secretary of State of the United States has been received since Mr. Pinkney's arrival in Maryland. We cannot take leave of this subject without expressing our strong sense of the service rendered by Mr. Pinkney to his Country and of the great ability, industry and unremitting perseverance