

Before a greater number and on, The Governor and Council have appointed Joseph H. Nicholson, Esquire, Agent for disposing of the Stock in the Funds of England and Ireland in your hands belonging to this State, in the manner directed by the Legislature. Authenticated Copies of these Acts will be forwarded to you by Mr. Nicholson, whose presence will be sufficient evidence of his possessing full authority and control over the future dispositions of the Stock and Cash. Permit us to request a continuation of your good offices in the final arrangement of the business, and to repeat our assurances of the high opinion we entertain of the favorable disposition manifested by you towards the State, in facilitating the completion of a transaction in which our Interests were so deeply involved. With sentiments of the highest consideration and Respect we have the honor to be Yr. Most Obedt. & Most Able Servts.

The Honble James Monroe
Minister at London

Robert Bowie

In Council Annapolis April 20. 1805

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Having appointed you Agent for disposing of the Stock of Maryland in the English Funds, and investing the proceeds thereof in such Stock of the United States, as may be considered most advantageous to the Interest of this State; we think it necessary to request that you will immediately endeavor to obtain the most correct information of the prices of the different species of Stock, and advise us as early as convenient of the result of your inquiries.

This preliminary step has been deemed proper, that the Governor and Council may be enabled to give more particular Instructions on the subject of the Investment directed by the acts of the Legislature.

We would also suggest the propriety of your procuring information of the prices current of English Stock, as Instructions on the sale thereof may possibly be thought necessary in the progress of your agency. We have the honor to be with the highest consideration and Respect

The Honble Joseph H. Nicholson
Agent of Maryland

Your Obedt Servants
Richard H. Harwood Esq.