

United States proposed by the Legislature of Massachusetts Connecticut & Georgia

We have the honor to be

The Honorable The General Assembly

C. Ridgely of Hampton

Sir

Council Chamber Annapolis January 16 1816

I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency, a copy of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed during its present Session. This Law is transmitted in pursuance of a Resolve of the General Assembly and with a request that it may be communicated to the Legislature of Pennsylvania. I have the honor to be

His Excellency Simon Snyder

C. Ridgely of Hampton

Gentlemen

In Council Annapolis January 26 1816

We have the honor to transmit a letter from the Secretary of War, the object of which is to obtain a cession to the United States of the jurisdiction of such places within Maryland as are intended by the General Government for the erection of permanent fortifications. The Secretary of War, having omitted, as was intended by him, to designate the sites of which the jurisdiction is asked, we have written to request of him this information. As however the arrival of it before the Session of the General Assembly is brought to a close is very doubtful we thought proper to forward the letter, in order that the subject may at once be before the Legislature. We have the honor to be

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I had the honor to receive your letter of the twenty second Instant. You omitted to designate the sites, the jurisdiction of which you wish to have ceded to the United States, and I am fearful, that before an answer to this letter can be received the General Assembly of Maryland will have adjourned. As possibly however this might not be the case, I write to ask the favour of you as early as possible to give to this Department the necessary information in relation thereto. I have the honor to be with great Respect your Obedt

The Honble William H. Crawford  
Secretary of War of the United States

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