

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1820

Dear Sir

The number of copies of the Laws of Congress  
passed at Annapolis 1811 and 1812 to which  
the State of Maryland is entitled have not  
been received at this Department owing  
to their having been captured by the  
British on their way from Washington  
to Baltimore sometime in the year 1814.  
The Legislature of the State in Annapolis frequently  
on occasion refer to the Laws of the  
United States and for those two Sessions  
are dependent on two copies in  
possession of this Department.  
If you have a few copies at your disposal  
it would cause two or three copies  
to be sent or directed to the Executive  
and would by so doing promote the  
convenience of the General Assembly - I  
hope that you will rec<sup>d</sup> the Laws of  
Maryland that were sent on a few  
weeks ago for the use of your Department.

Yours  
Hon<sup>ble</sup>

John Quincy Adams