

Council Chamber Annapolis Nov. 30. 1819

Gentlemen,

I transmit you a copy of a Resolution passed at the last session of the General Assembly of Maryland relative to the erection of a Light House on the Bodkin Point at the mouth of the Patuxent River.

The Honble,

with much respect  
I have the honor to be  
Gentlemen

The Senators and Representatives  
of Maryland

In the Congress of the United States

your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Charles Goldsborough

Council Chamber, Annapolis, December 1<sup>st</sup> 1819

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> of November enclosing a copy of a Resolution of the Senate of the United States, passed the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1817, on the subject of weights and measures, I have the honor to inform you that the only legal regulations upon those subjects in the State of Maryland are comprized in several acts of Assembly, of which copies are herewith transmitted to you. It may be proper to add that by the act, incorporating the City of Baltimore, passed at November Session 1796 Chapter 68 the powers before vested by law in the standard keeper of Baltimore county were transferred, within the limits of their Jurisdiction, to that corporation, whose proceedings, from its being the only large commercial Town we have, in effect now regulate the weights and measures throughout the whole State. It is believed the English Standard of measure has not, in practice, been strictly adhered to. As it is well recollected that, some years ago, the half bushel which was used for measuring grain at Elkton, was larger than the one in use at Baltimore; and that the same measure in Baltimore was somewhat larger than the old Standard kept in the different counties. It is believed also that a similar difference in a small degree exists between the fifty six and other weights