

Journal Chamber
Annapolis May 9th 1831.

Sir

The General Assembly of Maryland, at its last Session, passed a Resolution directing the Governor to procure and present to Captain George M. Rogers, a native of this State, and a Captain in the Navy of the United States, a sword as a testimony of the high honor conferred upon him, for his services as a soldier, and of the gallantry displayed by him, in the brilliant and well fought action during the late War with the United States, Hoop of War, Wash, and his Britannic Majesty's ship, which terminated in a glorious Victory, notwithstanding the disparity of force in favour of the latter, and on other important occasions.

In obedience of the said Resolution, I have to request you to have made with a despatch, a sword suitable to be presented to Captain Rogers in compliance with the Resolution of the General Assembly. Doctor C. Clay, of the Navy, agrees to lend a sword to take charge of the communication, and under request to enquire with him relative to the service and the manner of presenting the sword and indeed as to anything relating to it.

Wm Thomas Steiner
Clerk
Annapolis

Very respectfully
your Obedient
Servant
H. C. Clark Clerk
of the Council.

Executive Department
Annapolis May 11 1831.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt through the Post Office, here of several copies of the documents of the first Session of the 23rd Congress, as mentioned in your letter of the 25th of March last, to be received by the Governor.

Secretary of State
Washington

Very respectfully
your Obedient
Servant
H. C. Clark Clerk
of the Council.

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Sir

James Martin, some time since, put into my hands your letter to him of the 29th of February, last, and directed me to furnish you copies of the returns of the late gauging agreeably to your request, not doubting but that the returns had been regularly made. When I took up your letter to comply with your request, I examined the proper files of the Office where the returns ought to be found, and not finding them there, I delayed answering your letter until I had carefully looked over all the papers received by the late Clerk, that I might find them in his office; but have not found any returns from the Gaugers of last year. Whether or not they have made any returns to any person, I am unable to say, but they ought to have made returns of their last half year since I returned to the Office, but have not done so, (with one exception) I think it most probable that they neglected to make

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