

on the ostensible Form of the established Government,  
can contribute to preserve the Peace of the Province;  
and I will add one further Assurance, in Hopes it  
may be satisfactory to you, that as your Convention  
is to meet shortly, they shall find me here, and  
willing to continue acting in the same Line I have  
hitherto done, so long as Maryland can reap any  
peaceful Benefits from my Service, provided I can  
have Assurances, that my peaceable Departure  
shall not be impeded, whenever I find my remaining  
any longer here unnecessary, or that my private  
Affairs at Home indispensably demand my  
Returns. Consistent with my Honour and  
insulted Station, I cannot add more but that, if  
made a Prisoner, I shall consider myself treated as  
an Enemy, and such a Proceeding as a Breach  
of that Confidence I have implicitly reposed