

which the Dispatch appears to have been transmitted
from Baltimore to Philadelphia - the Instructions
given Capt. Samuel Smith by the Committee of
Baltimore and those given by Captain Nicholson to
his Lieutenant, Copies of which we likewise send
you; the Originals came into our Hands accidentally
and the whole of the Proceedings of the Baltimore
Committee were kept from us - whence this unmerited
Treatment has sprung we cannot conceive, as we
ever most cheerfully co-operate with and assist
the Colony of Virginia in such Measures, as
we could justify from our Situation, and have
always considered the Interest and Security of Balti-
more, as essential to this Province, and acted
consequently with those Ideas - reflecting upon
these Circumstances, and being fully persuaded that
Congress would have determined differently, if they
had been furnished with the same Evidence,

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