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perhaps the propositions (to be ingrafted on the constitution, if the intention of the motion succeeds) brought forward by Mr. Madison may make some noise in Maryland - Mr. Duval has a copy of them. It may be seen from them that some of them are inapplicable in a great degree, as being needless stipulations between - not ~~between~~ a people and a separate and independent power - but between a people and their representatives - in others between a people and - who - why themselves. For it is esteem'd a real truth, <sup>that</sup> the Gov. is a Gov. of the people - as much so as any ever was or can be instituted for the successful conduct of the affairs of an extensive Union - extensive I mean in its locality - as well as the importance of its various concerns - which embrace almost innumerable objects, and may be esteem'd highly consequential. in the eye of the present improved and enlightened policy of nations - the enclosed paper contains some strictures which may show the inexpediency of some of the proposed articles.

But a just theme - out of the business was necessarily induced by others of more importance - at least, it must be acknowledged by all to be, of more immediate importance.

I wish now and then to have a line from you, if but to inform me of your health.

I am with due consideration  
y<sup>r</sup> very Affec<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Benjamin Franklin

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