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To
His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esq
Annapolis

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I inclose you the Draft of my Lie to Congress which contains all the Information I could give you abt the Salt Sloop this Morning I set out for Fred.k and shall return again as soon as I well can — no Money is yet to be rent in Leal nor any Money or Salt to Mr Duckett of Queen Anne's Co. — I am afraid we shall be behind in our purchase of provisions Maj.r Tootle told me there were great Quantities of Pork for Sale in Dor. had we not better get some Body to purchase there & in Caroline. — Rogers will be down in the Gen.l Stagecoach I suppose he goes to Mr Harrison Mart — if the Lidia is ready before I get down you'll give her sailing Orders if it is only to go to Hobg or Bay Deep to any Body you please the more particular Orders may follow her we hear but I wish it better ascertained though I believe it is true that the Canadians have possessed themselves of Canada as far as Montreal inclusive and all Stores &c. with a View of becoming the 14th State and that Gates has sent them 2 or 3 Regim.ts

I am Gent.

Your mo. obed.t Serv.t

R Tilghman

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