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In Council November 18th 1790

Gentlemen

A question has fallen under this Board, which it is not [illegible] to resolve, but have thought (respectfully) to represent to the Legislature, not only as a consequence of a claim of Benjamin Nicholson Esqre on the Treasury for his Fees as Judge of the Court of Admiralty, but as arising since the passage of the Judiciary Bill by the General Government, and subsequent to the appointment of the District Judge.

Mr. Nicholson has founded the propriety of his application upon a supposition that this Commission is still in force, and not superseded by the Power of the District Courts as stated in the case (in his opinion) which of right belongs to the Jurisdiction of the State Court of Admiralty, and which [illegible] recognized by the District Court — for State Instances we refer you to

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.