

Dear Sir

Philadelphia July 13th. 1791

Inclosed you have an Act of Congress, Declaring their consent to an act of Maryland. I have only to add, that it was with difficulty carried through, in either house, the objection of greatest weight, was, the Vessels arriving at Balt. from any port within the Bay, being exempt from the tonnage duty, this was considered as partial. perhaps it will be necessary for securing the continuance of said act, that the duty be limited to a certain tonnage, <sup>whether</sup> ~~whether~~ coming from sea, or not,

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