

We received the Honble Wm Hancock's letter of the 16th

Sept. yesterday afternoon making a recommendation of Congress that we should immediately cause the Senate and House of Gov^r Eden to be kept advised and conversant with the progress as related to the American Affairs, & copy to Congress; and also the Senate and House of A. Rep^s to transmit the letter above to Congress - Ourselves to our receipt of the above we had fully investigated the matter that the interested parties engaged, in which we conducted ourselves agreeable to what we wrote you - of the 14th June and finally concluded the affair with our answer to the Governor a copy of which we now enclose you - Hence

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

The extraordinary manner of communicating the Intelligence by the Council of Safety of Virginia to us with the behavior of the Com^{rs} of Baltimore for Baltimore gives us cause to consider of the indignity offered our self and we cannot suppress our suspicion that matters have been concealed or to exclude all information which might otherwise have been had by us - The letter from the Council of Safety of Virginia is dated Sept. 1st and was conveyed to us in the 15th about 3 o'clock by Gen^l Smith directed by that body to wait on us with it which conduct was very disagreeable & unreasonable if the papers referred on the 16th - We are at a loss to account for the length of time the letter was passing in Delaware being to us in the condition with which the Dispatch appears to have been transmitted from Baltimore to Philadelphia the 1st of September - Gen^l Smith by the Com^{rs} of Baltimore & their journal by Captⁿ Tolson to the President, copies of which we have now forwarded you, the original we do not think necessary accidentally in the whole of the proceedings the Baltⁿ Com^{rs} was kept from us - to whom this unimpaired treatment from we cannot excuse, as we were most abundantly supplied with papers

the safety of Virginia in fact we appear as we said justify from always considered the claims of Baltimore as official & correspond only with the Gov^r - reflecting upon every thing proposed the Congress and have determined to proceed with the same business upon what we