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Gentlemen,

In the present critical State of Affairs, the Congress have come to the enclosed Resolves for the Defence of the several States therein mentioned, which I make no Doubt you will im=mediately carry into Execution. The absolute Necessity of Exertion and Vigour on the Occasion, is too apparent to be pointed out. It is sufficient to observe, that an active and spirited Behaviour in the Militia will have the most beneficial Effects, by convincing our Enemy of our Determination to oppose them with the utmost Firmness and Resolution. I have the Honour to be,

Gentlemen,

your most obd.t & very Hble Serv.t

John Hancock Pres.t

To
His Excell.y Gov.r Johnson &
the Honble Assembly of
the State of —
Maryland.

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