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Sir.

My last was by Post under the 17th. Inst.

Your Excellency will find inclosed in this, a Resolve of Congress of the 16th Inst. for establishing a communication for transporting Provisions from the Southern States for the use of the Army & for defraying the expences attending the same, together with the Commissary general's proposals to which the Resolve refers.

I have likewise the honour of transmitting to Your Excellency the thanks of Congress, expressed on an Act of this date where inclosed. For the Contents of Your Excellency's favour of the 19th., which afforded the House great satisfaction— Your Excellency will perceive from the terms of this Act that the Commissary general is directed to receive the 1350 bushels Salt therein mentioned & to purchase as much more as shall be necessary. — nothing further has been said concerning the Owners of the Salt Vessel or Cargo.

Inclosed Your Excellency will be pleased to receive a Warrant on the Loan Office of Maryland for the sum of Thousand Dollars advanced for recruiting the Continental Army in that State.

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

I have the honour to be with great Regard Sir Your Excellency's Most obedient humble Servt. Henry Laurens President of Congress

His Excellency Governor Johnson Maryland