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Yours of the 2d of February inclosing a Resolve of the Continental Congress for Collecting Gold and Silver in this Province, together with your Appoint=ment of Mr James Murray, Mr Henry Steel and myself to collect the same in this County came to my hands — which I immediately communicated to those Gentlemen, since which we have made applications to all the principal men of the County of whom we apprehended there was any chance of getting Gold or Silver, and I am sorry to inform you the Scarcity of Specie is such that We are only able to procure (including our small Stock) about Five hundred and twenty pounds which sum we can immediately get if your Honors are pleased to send us an order on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for so much paper money to pay in exchange for it, and will be pleased also to direct the same Treasurer to receive the Gold and Silver of us, as we apprehend there may be a consi=derable risque in sending it to the Treasurer of the Western Shore at this time. This Account would have bien sooner transmitted to you, but not the late Alarm of the Sloop of War and Tenders in a manner stopt the communication between this and Annapolis. —

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

I am with great regard

Gentn Yr most Obedt Servt

Wm Ennalls

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