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4 Baltimore June 1st 1778

Sir

I take the liberty to inclose to your Excy a deposition, transmited to me some days past, from the Eastern shore of Maryland.—

I am informd the Dolphin, belongs to this state & consequently, is under your Excellys Direction.

If the Master of this boat will make good the damages occasioned by his imprudence, it will be satisfactory to me. should he decline doing, what I think Justice in this business, it will lay me under the necessity of transmitting a state of the matter to Congress, for their Direction.— the property was Shipped by me on account of the United States.

I have the Honour to be with esteem & Respect Yr. Excellencys Mst Hble Servt.

H Smith

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

His Excellys Thomas Johnson Esq.