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May it please your Excellency

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Sir

There was a Law passd last Session granting to Mr. James Thompson and myself an exclusive privilege of running Stages on the eastern Shore of Maryland, in which Law we are obliged to give Bond to the State before the Governor and Council in the penalty of [illegible] thousand pounds by the first day of February next, with sufficient Securities, such as you may approve off as it is very inconvenient to come to annapolis with Securities, I should be extremely glad if by executing a Bond here and transmitting it to you would answer the same purpose; it can be done before Doct.r Matthews or any other person you might approve off, who would be a Judge of the Securities; — I should be much oblige to you to inform me as soon as possible, or by puting a letter in the Mail, whether this mode will answer the purpose. —

ARCHIVES OF MARYLAND

I am Sir

Your Excellency's

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Robert Hodgson

N.B: Mr. Thompson lives in Philad.a which adds more to the inconvenience. — your directing an answer to him will answer the same purpose, and I shall soonn be informed of it —