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Dear Sir, Philad.a 23 Jan.y 1780

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After a very Cold & disagreable Ride I have at length got home & regretted Very Much my not returning to Annapolis & enjoying the Agreable Society I met with there. Your Civilities demand my Warmest Acknowledgments & believe me Sir I hold myself ready to return you Any Services in my Power, but must beg a further Extension on your Part which I do the more readily as the Business I now trouble you with is for Our publics. I still imagine the Hogshead of Medicines in your State Store to be part of a Large one we were to have received from Mr. Morris Mark of this Town & I am the more inclined to that Belief from the following Circumstances Viz their coming from Cambridge where all that we have received came from, & from the ~~following~~ inclosed Invoice which I think they are a part of, as all those Medicines marked thus +. have not come to hand, our Apothecary General Dod. Craigie is convinced they must be ours, I shall be glad to hear from you what the Government of Maryland have determin'd about them, be assured the Army stand much in Need of most of the Articles I saw taken out of the hhd. while in Annapolis, if they should incline to deliver them over to the Continent, I shall be obliged by your ordering the Store Keeper to forward them as soon as the Weather breaks off to my Care, I beg you to accept of my best Wishes for your Health & Happiness — Am y.r Excellency's Mo.st Hum.l Serv.t

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