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(Copy) In Council April 19th 1790

Sir

Being informed that you remain in expectation of an answer to your letter of the 8th of February, we give it as our opinion that if the authority of the Federal District Courts is competent to the decision of all admiralty cases that can by any means arize there can be no room for a supposition that the State Admiralty Courts are or ought to be continued. We are not informed that any such cases are exempted from the Jurisdiction of the District Courts, and do therefore conclude that the abolition of your Court is intended by the establishment of the other.

We are &c

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ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

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