Annapolis January 7th 1783

Gentlemen

In Council

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The Act to prevent Frauds in Commerce and to direct the Duty of Naval Officers, enacts that Vessels shall clear out at no Office, but that, at which they enter. As we have appointed General Otho H Williams, who is now absent from the State, tho hourly expected to return, to be Naval Officer for the fourth District and as there are many Vessels waiting only to be cleared out, to proceed to Sea - We take the Liberty of recommending to the Attention of your Honors, the propriety of adopting some Mode to prevent

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