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Gentlemen

In Council Nov. 29th 1805.

By the advice of the Council I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of the Legislature the inclosed communications from the Agent for the recovery of the Bank Stock of Maryland: as they will be found to comprehend part of a negociation still pending between the United States & Great Britain & as a premature publication prior to a final ratification by the respective Powers might tend to embarrass the General Government, I beg leave to suggest the propriety of guarding the inclosures from publication — I have the honor to be with high respect & consideration

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servant

Jonathan Sheppard

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