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ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

Sir.

As I have had no advice of the march of the Maryland levies, I take the liberty of informing myself, through your Excellency, whether it has yet taken place. Circumstanced as we are, a very small reinforcement is very sensibly felt. The enemy too, appearing to waver in their movements, make additions more consequential, not only to this State, but to Maryland. I have long been of opinion, that, if we can but collect a respectable army in this quarter, we have little to fear, for yours.— It is, therefore, I hope, that the calling out, or arranging the select body of militia, to act in Virginia, is still vigorously pursued. Languor in our public exertions for this campaign, may not, perhaps, be balanced by the most strenuous in future.

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