Ajustment of this Subject with the Government of the United States & of Maryland, the Time was undoubtedly now past for the Influence of such a Consideration, inasmuch as the Ajustment was already made, to the Exclusion of this, in common with every other Claim, not judicially established against the Title of the Crown, and had, up to the present moment, without a Suggestion to the contrary, been so acted upon. — To those Observations I added many others arising so obviously out of the Subject, that I will not fatigue you with the Recital of them. — Mr. Hammond having mentioned, tho' very generally, in the Course of our Conversation, as a Justification of his Idea that this Claim was to be provided for, not only that it was so manifestly just in itself as to make it difficult to conceive upon what Foundation Maryland could object to its being satisfied, but that it could not reasonably be supposed to have been the Intention of the Crown, at the Time of the Engagement with Mr. King, to deprive itself of the Power of making Provision for it whenever the Fund upon which it was charged should come to its Hands. — I answered, that whatever might be the Pretensions of this Claim in an equitable View, which there was no Sort of Necessity to discuss

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