Line of Conduct and pursue the conciliatory
Influence which a ready acquiescence might
happily produce: and he might forcibly observe
that an appeal to the Honor & generosity
of the State has much more likely to excite
a benevolent determination and effect a compro-
mise or satisfaction than a Breach of
Trust and a violent destruction of the Stock.
If the Trustees still persisted in
their Refusal, a man of Address & Eloquence
might interest in his Support the whole
Patriot Body of Merchants having Debts &
Claims in this Country: he might alarm
them with the dangerous Precedent which the
Conduct of the Trustees would set for violating
the Treaty in the State of Maryland — that if
British Merchants disregarded the Treaty the
American Merchants could not be blamed for
following the Example and that a general
Refusal to pay Debts would be the Conse-
quence — that the Bank Stock was the
Property of the State and if the Trustees seized
upon it the State might justly make Reprisals
and seize upon all Debts till Satisfaction
was obtained. And if the Agent be a man chosen
from our public Councils and acquainted with
the Temper & Politics of our public Bodies his
Remonstrances & Declamations will have Credit and
a proper Weight: and thus the Trustees might be