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Philadelphia February 8. 1781

Sir,

Your Excellency will receive enclosed two important Resolves of Congress of the 3rd & 7th Instant

Recommending it to the several States as indispensably necessary, that they vest a Power in Congress to levy, for the Use of the United States, a Duty of five per cent, ad Valorem at the Time & Place of Importation, upon all Goods, Wares & Merchandize of foreign Growth & Manufacture which may be imported into any of the said States from any foreign Port, Island or Plantation after the first Day of May 1781, except Arms &c as therein expressed. Also a like Duty on all Prizes & Prize Goods

The Monies arising from the said Duties to be appropriated to the Discharge of the Principal & Interest of the Debts already contracted or which may be contracted, on the Faith of the United States, for supporting the present War, and the Duties continued until the said Debts are finally discharged

You will observe from the Tenor of the Resolves that if any one or more of the States

His Excellency
The Governor of Maryland

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