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My dear Sir

There are certain matters which may make it necessary for me to be in Philadelphia before I can see Annapolis. This may affect my appointment – but as what I am going on may be more important to my country, altho' purely of a private nature, I must run the risque.

As the enclosed may be of some use to Col Forest let me beg your Excellency to have it carefully forwarded.

Adieu

Yours.

29 Octr 1811.