Annapolis December 7th 1781.

The Honorable ~~House of~~ Delegates of Maryland have unanimously Resolved to have the Portrait of His Excellency General Washington, at full length, to be placed in their House, in grateful remembrance of that most Illustrious Character: And as the same time that Honorable Board of the Legislature ~~of this State~~ requested me to apply to you to have the Work executed. The Picture is desired as soon as may be; but, as I wish to have it as perfect as possible, I hope you will not regard time, trouble or expence in the execution. ~~I will take~~ I shall be glad to know what I may expect ~~and that you have a satisfactory payment~~

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