Sir — Philadelphia Mar. 14th. 1792.

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As a Member of the Legislature of Maryland I have considered it as within the line of my duty to comply with my ~~own~~ inclination in requesting to know whether you will serve the State as Governor on the present vacancy. — The disqualification of so great a number of respectable characters under the present acceptation of the Constitution renders the grounds of choice to so small a number of eligible characters, that I really think we are reduced to a degree of embarrassment & probably may in the event be subjected to ~~some degree of~~ disgrace, unless some one, whose acknowledged talents will consent to be nominated. — If you would give your assent, then would I believe be attended with, of your election & I am persuaded you will

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