Gentlemen, George Town, Nov.r 13.th 1798.

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Last Night I had the honor to receive your Notification of my being Elected Governor of the State of Maryland — this new Testimony of Confidence, with which the Honorable General Assembly have been pleased to honor me, inspires me with a high sense of Gratitude, respect & esteem; to these assurances, it will always give me pleasure to add proofs: but in the present Instance Circumstances will not admit of availing myself of their gracious intention. Whilst I regret the necessity I am under, of declining to fill the high Station to which I have been appointed, I beg of you Gentlemen ~~[illegible]~~ to assure the Branches of the Legislature over which you respectively preside, of my most respectful & lasting Attachment, & that you will believe me to be with great Consideration,

Gentlemen,
Your Mo. Obed.t &
Most Hble Serv.t
Tho. S. Lee

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