

from their unmolested Continuance, than barely the Capture and Destruction of private Property and consequent Disturb of Individuals, and are persuaded their Treasuries are not groundless, and their Representation is no wife exaggerated, when they suggest that the Impediments to Navigation and Commerce from the Enemies, Cruisers and Privateers blocking up the Chesapeake are now attended, and they are fearful will be continued with the following ^{serious} ~~serious~~ consequences.

That the United States must feel the want of the Supplies and Provisions collected in this State and Virginia, as their Transportation by Land is impracticable, and the consequent Disturb of the Army must ensue.

That this whole State must sustain great Injury from the Impracticability and Expense of bringing Tobacco Lumber &c. the almost sole Articles of Export to Market for Sale, and of course an Inability in the people to pay Taxes.

That the defenceless State of Annapolis, the Repository of all public Records and Residence of the executive Officers of Government afford just Grounds of Apprehension that Attempts may be made thereon, whose success would reflect on the Feasibility of such an Enterprise, and the Success that might attend it to the Enemy, and the irreparable Loss that this State would sustain thereby.

That the Communication kept up by the Enemy with the disaffected Inhabitants of the State, from whence they derive Resources, and are afforded Opportunities to commit Depredations on the well affected Citizens, is a Grievance too much felt, and your Memorialist humbly hopes will be remedied by the Legislature.

That the Difficulties of Importation ^{and} such, particularly the very necessary Article of Salt, that it has risen to an immense Price, and will in all Probability become much scarcer and higher, and prove very distressing to every Member of the Community.

That our Commerce of late has been disappointed other Channels, and a Number of Instances might be adduced, when Vessels with valuable Cargoes destined for the Port of Baltimore have ^{been} obliged to go to Virginia & Philadelphia from whence they are laden and