

N. 53. To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gent. We received Intelligence by our Pilot-Boats on Tuesday-Eveing that a Ship of War and two Tenders were under Sail on their Way up the Bay, and immediately issued our Orders for their Reception, which was observed with amazing Expedition and Punctuality - we are much indebted to the spirited, active and good Conduct of the regular Officers and Troops - the Militia moved with astonishing Dispatch - and as soon as the Vessels were in Sight, our Coast was lined with Men - at Baltimore the Celerity of their Movements exceeded Description and had very nearly proved more advantageous, than they really have, for it was expected by the Vessels (the Other of 16 Guns, - a Tender of 6, of the other with Journals only) that the Ship's Defence was altogether unprepared, which led them to conceive themselves in a state of Security, which had like to have been attended with Consequences very disagreeable to them - The Reserve of our Guns for the Ship, arrived only Wednesday-Night, and on Thursday Morning was mounted - on Friday Night she was towed a little Way down the River -

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