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Sir,

We feel the honour you have this day conferred on the town of Baltimore, by favouring it with presence, infinitely heightened and enhanced by the desirable event which has produced it. Happy to behold your elevation, permit us to reassure you of our purest love and affection.

In considering the occasion that has once more drawn you from scenes of domestic ease and private tranquility, our thoughts naturally turn on the situation of our country previous to the expedient of the late general convention. When you became a member of that body, which framed our new and excellent constitution, you dissipated the fears of good men who dreaded the disunion of the states, and the loss of our liberties in the death of our enfeebled and expiring confederation : and now, sir, by accepting the high authorities of president of the united states of America, you teach us to expect every blessing that can result from the wisest recommendations to congress and most prudent and judicious exercise of those authorities ; thus relieving us in the one instance, from the most gloomy apprehensions, as when, in a different capacity, you recrossed the Delaware ; and, in the other, opening to our view, the most animating prospects, as when you captured Cornwallis.

But it is from the whole tenor of your life, and uniform and upright political principles and conduct, that we derive the fullest assurance, that our hopes will be realized. Believing, that a faithful performance of public engagements is essential to the prosperity of a people, and their implicit reliance on the promises of government, to its stability, we recollect with pleasure your well known sentiments on this subject, and have no doubt, but the other branches of the congress will concur with you in placing public credit on the most solid foundation. We have also every reason to conclude, that under the administration of a Washington, the useful and ingenious arts of peace, the agriculture, commerce, and manufactures of the united states, will be duly favoured and improved, as being far more certain sources of national wealth than the richest mines, and surer means to promote the felicity of a people, than the most successful wars. Thus, sir, we behold a new era springing out of our independence ; and a field displayed, where your talents for governing will not be obscured by the splendor of the greatest military exploits. We behold, too, an extraordinary thing in the annals of mankind, a free and enlightened people, choosing, by a free election, without one dissenting voice, the late commander in chief of their armies, to watch over and guard their civil rights and privileges.

We sincerely pray that you may long enjoy your present health, and the citizens of the united states have frequent opportunities to testify their veneration of your virtues, by continuing you, through many successive elections, in the first station of human honour and dignity In these

expressions of our affection and attachment, we are sensible we do not speak the wishes of a town only, but the united feeling of a whole people.

In behalf of citizens of Baltimore, we have the honour to be, &c.

James M' Henry, R. Smith,
Nicholas Rogers, O. H. Williams,
Joshua Barney, Th. Smith,
Paul Bentalou, William Clemm,
J. Swan, Isaac Grist.
John Bankson,
Baltimore, April 17, 1789.