

could not Man and the Price of Workmanship Labour and every Article necessary for finishing and fitting out Vessels having greatly advanced the Council and I thought, as things were circumstanced, it would be a reprehensible Waste of the Public Money to lay out the Sum it would have taken in fitting out the Annapolis and therefore nothing has been done on her in Pursuance of the 15th § of the 10th Act of the last Session, but if it still continues your Desire to have that Galley fitted out, we shall chearfully have it done with all Expedition

Gen^l Assembly
17th March 1779

[Council to Assembly.]

Gent. of the Gen^l Assembly

M^r Thomas Harwood Commissioner of the Continental Loan office in this State has laid before this Board the inclosed Order from the Treasury Office and wishes that a precise Mode of conducting the Business of the State Treasury may be pointed out and he enabled to comply with the Terms and Intention of the above mentioned Order. It appears to us to be the Interest of this State that the Continental Bills, of the Emissions of May 1777 and April 1778 in the State Treasury, should immediately be placed in the Hands of the Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office, and that all the Bills of those Emissions which can be drawn into the Public Treasury Time enough to be delivered in by the first Day of June, should be disposed of in the same Manner; we request you to consider this Subject and, if you think proper, to make a suitable Provision. Considerable Sums of Money were issued out of the Treasury in the Months of December and January, some in Payment of public Debts others to be expended in the Purchase of Provisions for the State and large Sums were sent to Gen^l Smallwood for the Presents to the Maryland Officers and to pay the State Bounty to the nine Months Men who reinlisted; these Sums were delivered out, partly of the Emissions of May 1777 and April 1778. Gen^l Smallwood's Letter which was laid before you at the Opening of the Session shews that the Bills sent to him of the Emissions called in, will not answer the designed Purposes and we have had frequent Applications to exchange the Bills of these Emissions issued out of the Treasury for other of the Purposes mentioned above. In some Instances, from the Hardship of the Case of the Holders, we were strongly inclined to have ordered the Exchange, if we could, with Propriety have done so. We request your Direction