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That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Allen M<sup>e</sup>Lain of L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Lee's Legion two hundred pounds of the new Emission for the purpose of defraying the necessary Expences in the Execution of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 2<sup>d</sup> December last and to be charged to the Honorable Maj<sup>r</sup> General Greene Commanding in the Southern Department.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gray Two hundred pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to Patrick Sim Smith Commissary of Purchases for Calvert County on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col<sup>o</sup> Edward Tillard and Lieut. James Winchester each a Suit of Cloaths and four Shirts for the year 1780.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Col<sup>o</sup> Tillard Lieut<sup>s</sup> James Winchester and Rezin Davis, each, twenty four Gallons of Rum and ninety six pounds of sugar for the year 1780.

This Board having considered General Gists Letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant relative to the Settlement of his Account with the State, and the particular Circumstance of his Books and papers having fallen into the Hands of the Enemy, which has rendered it impracticable for him to account in the usual and accustomed Manner, for the Money deposited with him by the State to be expended in the Recruiting service; are of opinion that the Auditor may settle General Gists account on his Oath The General having first Satisfied him by his own Oath or the Testimony of a credible Witness, that his Books and papers did fall into the Enemy's Hands.

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[Council to Robert Armstrong, Esqr.]

The General Assembly have requested us to establish a Chain of Expresses from Point Look out to this City for the Purpose of communicating Intelligence of the operations of and Movements of the Enemy to us with the greatest Speed. Your convenient situation and Readiness to contribute your Assistance for the Defense of the State on all Occasions have induced us to apply to you to employ an Active Diligent and trusty Person to ride Day and Night from Point Look out to Annapolis who is to be ready to set off at any Hour with such Dispatches as you may deliver him. Whenever you are apprised of any Movement of the Enemy up the Bay or their Intention to operate against this State of which the common Safety of the Inhabitants require we should be informed. We entreat you will communicate it by such expresses without any Delay; whatsoever you agree to pay the Express for his Trouble and all other expences which may arise in conducting shall be faithfully and punctually discharged.

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[Council to Colonel Hooe.]

The General Assembly have thought proper under our present Circumstances, to have a Chain of Expresses established from hence