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Carroll Esquire who resigned his seat by Letter on the 17th Instant when Stephen West, Samuel Hanson, Edward Coursey James M^cHenry and John Brice were put in nomination and the Ballots being taken Stephen West. Edward Coursey James M^cHenry and John Brice had an equal number, the Council then proceeded to Ballot a second time confining their Ballots to the said four Gentlemen having an equal number of votes and the ballots being again equal for the said four Gentlemen the Council proceeded to determine the Election by Lot, which fell upon Stephen West Esquire who is declared duly elected.

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[Council to Colonel Adams.]

The General Assembly having directed this Board to remove the heavy Canon from this City to a place of greater Security we have for that Purpose employed a Sloop to transport them to the Indian landing, and cannot procure a sufficient Force to put on Board and as we understand there are a Number of Soldiers more than sufficient for the Guard, we shall be obliged to you to order as many of them as may be necessary to assist in putting them on Board and we will make them a reasonable Compensation.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. William Matthews.]

Your letter of the 23^d Instant came to Hand and we have been informed by Colonel Hollingsworth one of the Gentlemen appointed to carry the late Act into Execution, of his having Stopped the Quantity of Flour you mention. It is not the Intention of the Law that Flour purchased for the Bank and going to the Army should be seized but the Design of the Law is to prevent Flour being exported out of the State for any sinister or private Purpose; In thus expressing our opinion we do not mean to cast any Imputation on the Agents of the Bank. We have given Directions to Colonel Hollingsworth to enquire whether the Flour taken was bought for the Bank and for the use of the Army, and if he should be satisfied that it was to restore it to you otherwise it will be disposed of in the Manner prescribed by the Law.

Ibid.

[Council to Thos. Richardson, Esqr.]

We received yours by Cap^t Lingan and are really sorry it is not in our Power to supply you with any Money there not being a Farthing of either Continental or State Money in the Treasury, so soon as any comes in and an Opportunity offers you may depend upon receiving the sum you wrote for.

Ibid.
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[Council to General Gist.]

Your Favor of the 24th Instant was handed to us by M^r Poe. It gives us great Concern that we cannot comply with your Request.