

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Duvall Twenty four pounds and one penny half penny specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Certificate adjusted.—

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Permission given to John Ferrie of Prince Georges County to go into New York.—

[W^m Paca in Council Annapolis To The Honorable
The General Assembly]

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We have the Honor to lay before you, several Letters, and Papers from the Superintendant of the Finances, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, M^r Ridley in France, and the House of Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorst, which require your Attention and Consideration: We have also the Honor of communicating the Preliminary Articles of Peace between Great Britain and America: also a Proclamation by Congress Announcing the Ratification and Exchange of the Preliminary Articles of Peace by Great Britain, France and Spain and a general Cessation of Hostilities by all the belligerent Powers. After a long and dreadful War, after Conflicts and Trials unexampled in the History of Mankind it is with heart felt Satisfaction that we now see our sufferings and Labours crowned with success, and the Independence of America established on the surest Foundation. On an Event so interesting and important and so gloriously atchieved by the valor and Patriotism of our Citizens we beg Leave to offer you our warmest Congratulations.—

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Whether at so early a Period of the Pacification it may be proper to proceed on the Business of the Treaty we will not presume to say: but we are fully persuaded that whenever the Subject is taken up, it will be considered with the most serious attention; and that your Measures will be dictated by the most enlightened Policy, and distinguished by a firm Resolution to Maintain a fair National Character.

The Patient Sufferings of our Army at different Stages of the War, their Patriotic Exertions and gallant Atchievements under every Circumstance of Difficulty and Danger, give them an unquestionable Claim to to every Public Notice and Regard: And when it is considered how much we are indebted to them for the Liberty and Independence of America, the principles of gratitude and Justice cannot fail to produce the most speedy and animated Efforts to make them a generous Compensation for their great and important Services.—

The Public Creditors of every Class are entitled to your earliest Notice. It is a humiliating truth, that in this Glorious contest for the dearest rights of Mankind, our National Character has been sullied by repeated Violations of the Public faith. We flatter ourselves that the proceedings of this Session will be honorably distinguished by a Zealous Attention to public Engagements, and Demonstrate that it is your fixed Determination to restore to Government it's best resource, the Confidence of the People.—