

It is far from our Intentions to embarrass your Deliberations with a variety of Objects, but we cannot pass over Matters of so high Concernment as Religion and Learning. The sufferings of the Ministers of the Gospel of all Denominations during the War have been very Considerable; and the perseverance and firmness of those who discharged their sacred Functions under many discouraging Circumstances, claim our acknowledgements and thanks. The Bill of Rights and Form of Government recognize the Principle of Public support for the Ministers of the Gospel and ascertain the Mode. Anxiously solicitous for the Blessings of Government and the Welfare and happiness of our Citizens, and thoroughly convinced of the powerful influence of Religion when diffused by it's respectable Teachers we beg Leave most seriously and warmly to recommend among the first Objects of your Attention on the return of Peace, the making such a provision as the Constitution in this Case authorizes and approves.

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The Act for founding a College at Chester which passed the Session preceeding the last will reflect forever a Lustre on it's proceedings, and it is with the greatest pleasure we observe that such has been the Zeal of the Eastern Shore for the Advancement of Learning that the Sum of five thousand pounds which the Act required, and allowed to be raised in five Years, has been nearly doubled in less than One Year: Nothing can be a stronger proof of the happy Influence of Public encouragement, and we trust that the General Assembly will think this College deserving of their further Attention and favors, and will extend their Views to the establishing and encouraging other Seminaries of Learning in this State.—

Wednesday 7 May 1783

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Mackubin thirty seven pounds, fourteen shillings specie due him per Account passed.—

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer issue a Certificate to Isaac Van Bibber agreeable to the Act proposing to the Citizens of this State, Creditors of Congress on Loan Office Cert^s &^{ca} for six hundred and thirty four pounds, two shillings and one penny due him on Continental Loan Office Certificates adjusted by the Dep^y Aud. the 6th Instant—

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That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Sappington five pounds, nineteen shillings and ten pence & to Francis Thompson four pounds, nine shillings and six pence specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" per Accounts passed.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Couden sixty two pounds, ten shillings specie due him for a Quarter's Salary as Assist. Intendant ending the 1st Instant