

immediately on its Meeting, which was to have been last c. c. Monday, give or refuse the legislative Sanction for it: we have been the slower in this Business, as we have no Apprehension that the Provisions can be exported or removed out of the Way, before the Sense of the Assembly can be taken. From what we have understood, the People in general, on the Eastern Shore, are willing to part from their Cattle on Contract, but a very few Days will probably produce a Power to seize those which are along the Water Sides. We shall write the Board of War on the Subject of the Pennsylvania Purchasers coming into our State and, we think you had better do so too, for it is a most ruinous Practice for the public Agents to be bidding against each other. You shall hear from us again very soon after the Assembly meets.

We are Sir &^{ca}

Col^o Henry Hollingsworth.

[Council to Gist.]

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In Council 5th March 1778

Sir

We are about settling our Accounts of the Expences of the Militia. Three Gen^t have been employed some Time at Chester Town, on the Eastern Shore Part. M^r Forman writes us that he paid away to you, in the Whole 1435⁵/₉ Dollars, of which he cannot be able to render a more particular Account. We shall be obliged to you to send us an Account of the Disposition of the Money, to enable a full Settlement of the Accounts, the Completion of which soon, is very desirable.

We are Sir &^{ca}

Col^o Mordecai Gist.

Friday 6 March 1778.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Johnson three pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Joseph Dowson per Account Certified by the Commissary.

[Council to Beatty and others.]

C. C.

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Circular.

In Council Annapolis 6th March 1778.

Sir

We see by a York Paper received this Day that a Resolution of Congress has passed for collecting the Accounts of the