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[Council to J. Thomas.]

In Council Annapolis 7<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1778.

Sir.

We are desirous of sending the Defence a Voyage to Nantz and of placing you Captain in her; we therefore request you'll come over and converse with us on the subject.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>Cap<sup>t</sup> James Thomas.

[Council to J. Gibson.]

In Council 7<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1778.

Sir.

By an Act of the General Assembly of this State passed in October Session, it is directed that "there be set apart by the Governor & Council the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand Dollars out of the first Money collected in Virtue of that Act, that can be spared from Defraying the necessary Expences of this State, to comply with the first Quarterly Payment, according to the late Requisition of Congress." The Expences which have been incurred in the Course of this year have been chiefly on Account of the United States and are very considerable, Our Treasury is in such a State that we cannot, at present, pay in more than fifty thousand Dollars, which are set apart according to the Act and will be paid at any Time to the Order of Congress. It is unlikely that this State will be able to pay in any Thing further, 'til the 20<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> when a Heavy Assessment is to be paid into the Treasury, which will, we expect, fully answer this Year's Quota of this State.

We are Sir &<sup>ca</sup>John Gibson Esq<sup>r</sup> Aud<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

C. B.

Saturday 8 August 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Thomas Callahan two hundred and sixty three Pounds five shillings per Acc<sup>t</sup> passed by the A G<sup>l</sup>

That the said Treasurer Pay to Gilbert Middleton twenty eight Pounds, one shilling due him and his Party of Militia for guarding Prisoners to Philadelphia per Acc<sup>t</sup> passed by the Prin<sup>l</sup> Cl to the Aud. Gen<sup>l</sup>