

c. c. of it has been taken for the use of the Continent, that afterwards you returned the Key to M^r Welsh who has sold out what remained to the needy Inhabitants and that both M^r Griest and M^r Welsh are to be bound over on Account of this Matter to the General Court. We do not know whether the Fact is as represented or not that is, whether the Corn seized is Part of that purchased for the Use of the State but we presume, if the Fact is so and you have any Doubt of the Truth of it, it may be easily proved; and if the Fact is so, we think this Corn was not within the Ingrossing Act, nor was there any Necessity it should have been an Object of it. The Purchases made by either Continental or State Agents for the Public Use, is declared not to be ingrossing and by the Act, those Things only which are ingrossed are Seizable. The State indeed had no particular Use for the Corn in its Situation and, had it been proposed to us, we should have directed the Sale of it much in the Manner it is represented to have been done or if its being there had been mentioned to us and your Desire to have it, we should have ordered it into your Hands, either Application would have been agreeable to us. If you have no Doubt of the Corn belonging to the State, or M^r Griest should prove it satisfactorily, we apprehend there will not need any Trouble about it, but that you'll pay the Price you generally give for that Part of the Corn you have had for the Continent, and M^r Griest will give the State Credit for it; and if the Iustices should be of Opinion they must bind M^r Griest and M^r Welsh over, the Prosecution may be stopped by the Government

We are &^{ca}

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C. B.

Wednesday 27. January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Aquila Paca nine Pounds, ten shillings, and also the further sum of Twenty Pounds, five shillings to be delivered over to Alexander McComas p Acc^t passed by the Prin^l Cl. to the Aud. G^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Absalom Ridgely Twelve Pounds due him per Acc^t passed by the Prin^l Cl. to the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieu^t Col^o Samuel Smith, seventeen Pounds, eight shillings Bal. of Acc^t passed by the Auditor Gen^l

Whereas it Appears to this Board by the Oath of a credible