

C. B. Col^o Sam^l Smith five thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the 4th Regiment on Account and also the further Sum of four thousand Dollars out of the money above mentioned to be delivered over to Col^o Mordecai Gist to be charged to the 3^d Maryland Regiment.

Capt. Campbell, You are authorized to discharge James Leach and William Landon committed to your Charge for inimical Conduct to this State.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Williams one Suit of Cloaths to be charged to the second Regiment.

Capt Campbell you are to discharge Outerbridge Horsey committed to your Custody for inimical Conduct to this State he having given Bond with approved Security for his Appearance at the next General Court, to be held for the Eastern shore and to be in the mean Time of good Behaviour

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[Chase to Gov. Johnson.]

Yorktown Sunday morning

My Dear Sir

May 3^d 1778

On Yesterday afternoon arrived here from France, M^r Simeca Dean (Brother to the Commissioner,) with Dispatches to Congress from our Commissioners to the 28. February

On the 6th of February two Treaties were concluded and signed by Mons^r Joveard Plenepotentiary appointed by his most Christian Majesty on the 30th January preceding for that purpose, and by our Commissioners, B Franklin, S Deane, & A Lee Esq^r the first is a Treaty of Amity & Commerce on the plan proposed by Congress and almost in the words of it. The second is a Treaty of Alliance of Amity and Commerce. I cannot better inform you of the substance of these Treaties than in the words of the Commissioners. "If England declares War against France, or occasions a War by attempts to hinder her Commerce, we shall then make a common Cause of it & join our Forces and our Councils," the grand aim of the Treaty is declared to be "establish the Liberty, Sovereignty and Independency, absolute and unlimited of the United States, as well in matters of Government as Commerce" and this is guaranteed to us by France together with all the Countries we possess or shall possess, at the conclusion of the War; in return for which the States Guarantee to France all its possessions in America. We have found the greatest cordiality in this Court, and that no advantage has been taken