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Journal. Implements of War we have many in the Severall Countys being unservisable and out of Kelter.

From these premises we pray yo^r Excell^{cy} to Condescend & give Orders that so much money out of that fund as upon a reasonable Computation shall be Judged necessary may be applied to fitt & make Serviceable those Arms & Imple-
p. 18 ments of War in the sev^rall Countys as may Compleat the Same and that some fitting Persons in the Severall Countys may be Impowered to receive the said Money and see the work performed &c. And return an Account thereof to Your Excellency which We humbly hope and Conceive is consonant to his Ma^{ty}s gracious Intentions and will be favorably received and Granted by your Excellency.

Signed p order W Taylard Cl house Del.

Which being read att the Board his Excellency requires their Opinion if the Applying part of the 3^d p hh^d by his Ma^{ty} given for purchasing Arms & Amunition for the Service of this Province to the Cleansing and keeping the said Arms well ffixed and in good Order be Consonant to his Ma^{ty}s Intention in bestowing that Revenue, to which they Answer that they do believe it is.

Whereupon his Excellency is pleased to send the following Answer to the house by Thomas Tench & James Frisby Esqr

Gent^a

His Ma^{ty} has been very gracious in having a peculiar Care to avoid the laying of any Burthen upon you in this Province he having allotted the 3^d p hh^d for the Purchasing Arms &c. Tho most of his Govern^{ts} in the West Indies to my knowl-
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I must remark to you that the Money arising from the Duty of 3^d p hhd is to be disposed onely by my Selfe and his Ma^{ty}s Councill here and therefore must be very Cautious in making any misapplication of it but since this Seems not to cary the face of being repugnant to my Instructions or at least by the Litteral Words I must Construe it soe & that it will be an Ease to the Country which I am allways ready to Oblige, The Gent^a of his Ma^{ty}s Councill are pleased to Joine with me in Assenting to it and desire you will make your Proposals what may be Expected Sufficient for each County
Gent^a

Yo^r humble Serv^t
N: Blakiston

The Board adjourned till 8 of the Clock to morrow morning