

Tuesday 25th July 1780

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Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r Five thousand Pounds, three thousand Pounds, Two thousand five hundred Pounds Two thousand five hundred Pounds and also one thousand and fourteen Pounds, five shillings and Eight Pence in part of his Salary to the 8th May last on Account.

That the Collector of the Tax for Queen Anns County pay to William Hemsley Esq^r six thousand Pounds to enable him to carry into Execution the Act to procure Recruits to complete the Battalions of this State &^{ca} the Supplement thereto, and the Act to expedite the raising an Additional Battalion, to be accounted for.

[Council to Capt John Smith Brookes]

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Sir We think it necessary that you should purchase the Fish on the Terms mentioned in yours of Yesterday's Date, but at the same Time must inform you, that a Short Credit must be obtained, as it is altogether impossible to pay the Money until the Taxes come in; so soon as that happens, we hope to be enabled to pay all our public Contracts. We hope no good Citizen will refuse to vend these necessary Commodities to the Public at a Time when our Treasury is exhausted and they are so much wanted. The Fish, Bacon &^{ca} procured by you must be transported to this Place or the Head of the Elk, but we wish the Vessel to touch at this Place

[Council to William Hemsley Esqr]

Sir Col^o Forrest has ordered two Officers to repair immediately to Chester Town to take Charge of the Substitutes and Deserters which may be sent there by the Lieutenants of the several Counties on the Eastern pursuant to our Request communicated by Circular Letters of this Day. The Expedient of drawing upon the Collector of Queen Ann's County gives you a Chance but no Certainty of Money, as there are still a great Number of Certificates outstanding; yet it proves our Inclination to assist you and the good People of your County in their laudable Endeavours to procure Recruits Cloaths will be distributed among the Recruits when they are collected to a Point.

[Council to Charles Griffith, Esqr.]

Sir We are very happy in hearing you have so pleasing a Prospect of raising the Men required of your County for the Regiment extraordinary and for completing the Battalions of this State in the Con-