

[Council to The Sheriff of Cecil County]

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Sir Basil Williams hath, by his Petition, set forth to us that he was some Time in the Year 1777 deprived of a Negro Man by the Enemy whereby he hath greatly suffered, and it appearing to us by Deposition of the said Basil Williams and the Certificates of several Gentlemen of Reputation that the said Facts are true and we esteeming it proper that the Collection of the present Assessment of the said Basil Williams should be suspended, do direct you not to collect the same or any Part thereof

[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr.]

Sir Your Situation is certainly distressing; every immediate Assistance in the Power of this Board has been given in sending you twenty thousand Dollars by M^r Francis Dallam and we have to lament that an Agent so truly active and faithful as we have every Reason to believe you have been, should be involved in Difficulty by Exertions for the Public Benefit. This Sum, it is hoped, will suffice for the present, if it is applied to the Payment of those who are most pressing, and shortly, large Payments may be expected from Sheriffs of the several Counties: in the mean Time, we hope your Creditors will be patient. The Continental Treasury in this State has been drained for the Purpose of sending you this Supply and 8000 Dollars over and above were drawn from the Treasury of this State to make up the 20000. We have hitherto in no Instance drawn Orders on the Sheriffs for the supplying Money to Purchasers of Provisions, and would with great Reluctance adopt a Measure of that Kind. M^r Wederstrandt has made frequent and pressing Applications for Cash and complains that the 12000 Dollars from the Continental Treasury should be sent you as he actually deposited them

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Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Bruff Esq^r Two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Capt John Hawkins of the 5th Maryland Regim^t of Continental Troops the Allowance made him by the General Assembly relating to the Officers &^{ca}.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt George Keeports, five thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Linen for the use of the Continental Army.

Commissions issued to John Browne, James Kent, James Bordley, William Bruff, James O Bryan John Register Emory, Samuel Ridgeway, John Fisher, Charles Downes, Clement Sewell Vinson