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 No. 22 depredations on the Property of the Inhabitants. Upon this Occasion, we are very anxious to render the Commodore every Assistance in our Power, as well to effect the desirable Purpose of driving the enemy from our Bay, as to comply with our Engagement, as far as possible, to the Governor of Virginia. The Commodore has brought up the Barge in which Anderson was taken, and thinks, if she was properly fitted, she would be very serviceable and, in Conjunction with the State Boats, be sufficient to attack the Enemy's Barges & Whale Boats, and that the Barge would be particularly useful in expelling them from the Creeks & other Places of Concealment. If you will lend us the Barge to go on this Expedition, we will have her manned & properly equipped and will make you a proper Compensation (if any should be required) for the Use and will, in Case she should be captured or sustain any Damage, pay you her present Value, to be ascertained by proper Judges, or repair the Damage

[Council to Capt Geo P. Keeports]

Sir. We have transmitted you, by Cap<sup>t</sup> Boyer £ 60. of the new Emission of this State, with which we request you to purchase the several Articles enumerated below and deliver them to Cap<sup>t</sup> Boyer. You will not give a higher Price in this Money than in Continental Dollars, calculating one of these Dollars to be equal to forty  
 216<sup>th</sup> Brown Sugar @ 60ss. 13½<sup>th</sup> Bohea Tea @ 37..10..0  
 121½<sup>th</sup> Coffee @ 4..10..0, 27<sup>th</sup> Soap @ 75s., 27<sup>th</sup> of Tobacco manufactured for Officers @ 50 s. 78<sup>th</sup> Tob<sup>o</sup> common for Soldiers.

[Council to Delegates in Congress]

Gent<sup>n</sup> By a Letter received this Day from Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates, we are advised that, in Virtue of a Resolve of Congress, authorizing him to call upon this State for Supplies for the Southern Army, he had drawn in Favor of several Gentleman for very large Sums. One of those Draughts for 320,000 Dollars has been presented for Payment. Our Treasury is empty, but were it otherwise, we should be under some Difficulty as to the Propriety of paying it, having not been officially informed that Congress had vested the General with such extraordinary Powers, nor indeed have we any other Information of it than what is communicated by the General's Letter of this Day and the Draught of the Deputy P. M. General for the Southern Department, which Draught concludes in these Words "Agreeable to Resolve of Congress of the 17<sup>th</sup> June last." We have no Doubt but the Powers exercised by Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates were delegated to him and as we cannot find any Mention made of it in the Journals of Congress esteemed improper for Publication. We beg you will give us such Information on this Head as you judge prudent and necessary for our Iustification