Liber C B No. 23 That the Collector of the Tax for Worcester County pay to the said Capt. Levin Handy Fifteen thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & Accounted for—

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[Council to Col. Ephraim Blaine]

Sir. Enclosed we send you an Act for the more effectual preventing forestaling and Engrossing and for other Purposes therein mentioned, containing Matters, we apprehend, necessary for your Information

[Council to His Excellency Benjamin Franklin]

Sir You will perceive by the enclosed Act, that the General Assembly of this State have invested you with Authority to appoint one of the five Gentlemen nominated therein, Trustee for the Purpose of carrying the same into Execution, in Case the Trustees heretofore appointed by the Province of Maryland, should neglect or refuse to act. We request your Excellency to transmit a Copy of the Act to Messrs Russell, Grove and Hanbury, Trustees appointed by the old Government, and desire their immediate Answer, whether they will transact Business, sell out the Stock, accept and pay the Bills drawn in Pursuance of the Act. If they will execute the Trust, we
p. 52 would have them directed to sell out the Stock immediately and place the Money in the Hands of some capital Banker in Amsterdam or Paris, subject to their Draughts, in Case Bills should be drawn on them. If the Trustees decline acting, we desire you would send the Trustee appointed by your Excellency, a Copy of the Act, with similar Directions to those above. As the Proceedings of the General Assembly of this State, relative to British Property, may reach your Excellency as soon as this Letter, we think it necessary that you should be precisely informed on this Subject, to prevent Misrepresentation and to obviate any Difficulties that may occur in the Transaction of this Business. The House of Delegates, during their last Sessions, proposed a Bill for the Seizure and Confiscation of all British Property, to the Use of the State, except Debts due from the Inhabitants of this State to the Subjects of the King of Great Britain; this Bill was rejected by the Senate not because they were against the Exception but because they deemed a Seizure and Confiscation of British Property at this Time, improper; so that British Property here continues in the State it ever was. We have only to solicit so much of your Time and Attention to this Matter, as will be necessary to preserve the Property of this State

[Council to His Excellency John Jay Esqr.]

Sir We have it in Command from the General Assembly of Maryland to transmit to you a Copy of the Act for calling out of Circu-