

Liber C B  
No. 23 That the western shore Treasurer pay to Commodore Thomas Grason six hundred and fifty eight Pounds fifteen shillings to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Smith of the 6 Regim<sup>t</sup> three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to the said Capt. John Smith of the sixth Regim<sup>t</sup> Ten thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & acc<sup>d</sup> for

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to the said Capt John Smith  $1\frac{3}{4}$  yds blue Cloth  $1\frac{1}{2}$  yds white D<sup>o</sup> and 3 yds shalloon in part of the Articles allowed &c<sup>a</sup>

Abraham Parkerson of the late Capt Gales Company of Matrosses, having procured Thomas Paine an able bodied man to enlist in his room is hereby Discharged.

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p. 58 [Council to His Excellency The Chevalier De la Luzerne  
Ministr. Plenipo.]

Sir. We had the Honor of receiving your Excellency's Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> with a Copy of a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Holker, and your Memorial to Congress. It is so remote from the Inclination of this Board to obstruct any Measures concerted by our noble Ally, or to counteract the Operations of your Fleets and Squadrons, that we esteem it our indispensable Duty, to contribute all in our Power to their Success and, be assured our Wishes coincide with our Duty in this, as well as every other Instance in which the Interest of our Ally is concerned. To decide on the Propriety of the Law and our Conduct, consequent thereon, it will be necessary to take a comprehensive View of every Thing that relates to this Subject. Application was made to this State, by the Agent for the Marine of France, for Permission to purchase Flour and to export it for the use of the French Marine which was cheerfully complied with and a Clause inserted in the Act passed in July 1779 to prohibit for a limited Time, the Exportation of Wheat, Flour &c<sup>a</sup> enabling the Governor and Council to grant Licence on the Requisition of the Minister Plenipotentiary of his most Christian Majesty or the Agent of the Marine of France to transport any of the Commodities mentioned therein from this State to any Part or Place out of the same: In pursuance whereof the Governor and Council did give Permission to the French Agent to buy up a certain and limited Quantity of Flour and Wheat, some of which has been exported under Licence from us. The General Assembly during their last Sessions, received Information, that various and great Abuses had been committed under the Permission aforesaid, by the Persons employed by the Agent of France and others pretending to act as such, to the great Detriment of the United