

you & the members of that State; We hold, ourselves p'ticularly obliged to our good friend M^r Steward for hav^g procured an opportunity of addressing to you how sincerely & respectfully we are Your Excellencies Devoted H'ble Servts. October 14

P. S. You have Copy of William Carmichael Esq^{rs} Letter to us relative to the bill of £1500 & also M^r Russell of London's answer, as yet we have no answer from his Excellency Benjamin Franklin Esq^r to whom we have wrote a Couple of Posts ago on the occasion, In course you'll hear of our success.

The p'test for non Accep^e of the State of Maryland's bill p £1500 & we Inclose to our friends Mess^{rs} Steward & son p the Sloop Porpus, Capⁿ W^m Weems the Talbot, Capⁿ Frazer has been unfortunately taken by the Casberus & Crescent frigates & Carried into Plymouth.

State of Maryland the 26th day of July 1780 July 26

Pursuant to an Act of Assembly entitled An Act to enable the Treasurer of the Western Shore to draw and sell Bills of exchange, and for an emission of bills of Credit, if necessary.

Exchange for £1500..0..0 Sterling N^o 1

At forty days sight of this my first of Exchange second third or fourth of same tenor and date not paid pay unto Stephen Steward & son or order the sum of Fifteen hundred pounds Sterling money of Great Britain and place the same to the Account of the State of Maryland without further Advice Thos. Harwood Treas^r

To Messieur Osgood Hanbury Sylvanus Grove and James Russell in London or William Carmichael Edmund Jenings, Joshua Johnson Jonathan Williams and Richard Bennett Lloyd, or either of them Trustees for the State of Maryland pay the order of V & P. French & Nephew value in Acco^t Stephen Steward and Son pay to Mess^{rs} French & Hobson or order value in Acco^t Bordeaux the 16th Sep^r 1780. V & P. French & Nephew.

On the Twenty sixth day of September 1780 at the request of Mess^{rs} French & Hobson of London merchants I Benjamin Hammatt Notary Publick dwelling in London duly admitted and sworn Exhibited the Original bill of Exchange above Copied to M^r James Russell of this City merchant, one of the Trustees for Maryland, and demanded Acceptance thereof, who answered for himself and the other Trustees in London, that the said Bill would not be accepted. Whereupon I the said Notary at the request aforesaid have and do hereby Solemnly Protest against the Drawer of the said Bill and all others concerned for all Change Rechange Costs Damages and Interest already Suffer'd and to be Suffered for want of Acceptance of the said Bill.