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[Council to Jeremiah Banning, Esqr.]

We have received yours of the 25^t ul^t The enclosed Copy of a Letter of the 25th February 1779 from the late Governor and Council to M^r Muir with the Copy of the Resolves which it refers to. We apprehend were sufficient to convince M^r Muir of the Error of his Commission if he received them. We are really at a Loss for his Misapprehension, for we cannot think with you that the fifth Session of the Act to prevent Frauds in Commerce and to direct the Duty of Naval Officers could have occasioned it. The Master of a Vessel arriving at Cambridge or any other Port of Choptank is clearly and explicitly enjoined to report within a limited Time to the naval office of the District in which such Port shall be.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen West Esq^r one pound, five Shillings of the new Emission in lieu of Fifty Pounds for the use of Joseph Walker per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun^r Clerk to the Council Twelve hundred and fifty Pounds for three months Salary to the first Instant.

p. 11 Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Col^o James Tootell one hundred and forty four pounds of Coffee for the like Quantity borrowed of him to supply the Maryland Troops in the Continental Service.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Michael Boyer of the German Regiment Twenty eight pounds, fourteen shillings and ten pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of an order of the 19th September last in his favor for Eleven hundred and forty nine Pounds, fifteen shillings which is now returned.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall State Cloathier two hundred hogsheads of Tobacco on Account.

The Memorial of Legh Master Captain of the Sloop Experiment setting forth among other Things, that he obtained a Flag of Truce from the Governor of the Bahama Islands to carry American Prisoners from New Providence to Baltimore in Maryland and to receive British Prisoners in Exchange and that the said Sloop Experiment her Tackle Apparel &^{ca} were seized by Thomas Sollars Naval Officers and Libelled in the high Court of Admiralty, was laid before the General Assembly and by their Resolution referred to us, giving Power to make such orders respecting the seizure of the Flag as we might think proper, and directing if no intended and gross Violation of the Flag has happened that the said Vessel be discharged and the said Legh Master ordered to depart with such Provisions as may be necessary for the Crew and Prisoners.