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[Council to Mr. Holker.]

The want of Arms for our Militia, whose defenceless Condition is the principal indeed only Cause of their Backwardness to turn out and repel the Invaders of our Lives, Liberties and Property with Spirit and vigorous Activity and Cloathing and Arms for our Quota of Troops in the continental Army, and the Impracticability of procuring them in America together with the well grounded Expectation that the Enemy's operations the ensuing Campaign, will be directed against the Southern and middle States, fill us with Anxiety for the safety of our People, and induce us to look up for Succour to his most Christian Majesty, whose Magnanimity and generous Participation of our Cares and Distresses, animate us with the pleasing Hope that, another Instance of his Favour and Assistance will be added to those essential, and important ones, already conferred on America; and the Impression we are under from the friendly and disinterested Sentiments you have expressed for the State, and its welfare, convinces us that every Aid that can possibly be contributed to facilitate the Execution of our Plan herewith transmitted, will be afforded; and that you will feel the highest Satisfaction from a Consciousness that the People of Maryland will retain a grateful sense of the Assistance derived from your Interposition

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Charlotte Small five pounds of the new Emission in lieu of two hundred pounds due her per Account passed by the Dep<sup>y</sup> Auditor.

p. 46 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain William Middleton twenty five pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Holmes Twenty eight pounds eight shillings and nine pence of the same Emission in lieu of eleven hundred and thirty seven pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen<sup>l</sup>

That the said Treasurer pay to William Coe thirty four pounds ten shillings of the same Emission per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Sterret twelve thousand six hundred and forty pounds Continental Currency for a Barge purchased by Major Steward by order of this Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall one thousand five hundred and seventy five pounds for the use of George Keeports for nine Ream of paper purchased of him for the use of the public.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Christopher Richmond Lieut in the first Regim<sup>t</sup> Linen for four shirts two of them due in the year 1780 and Cloth sufficient for a Suit of Cloaths with Trimmings.