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[Council to Chevalier de la Luzerne.]

We have appointed Matthew Ridley Esq<sup>r</sup> of Baltimore Town Agent for the State to obtain of the Courts of France, Spain, and the Individuals of France Spain and Holland, Loans of Money, Arms, Ammunition and Cloathing, and have empowered him, to transact and negotiate all other Business, Matters and Things that may be committed to his Care and Management by the State. Your Excellency is so well acquainted with the real Situation of the States, that we think it unnecessary to suggest the defenceless Condition of Maryland that it is of the utmost Importance to procure those necessary Articles of Defence, without which the common Enemy cannot be opposed with that vigour we so ardently desire. The Disposition manifested by your Excellency on a former occasion to further and promote the Measures adopted by the State for its Security induces us to Solicit your Excellency to patronise M<sup>r</sup> Ridley in the Execution of the Powers we have delegated to him, and as the Benefits will derive from M<sup>r</sup> Ridley's Services on this occasion will in a great Degree depend upon the Expedition with which they are performed. We hope you will be pleased to have him accommodated with a Passage to Europe in one of his most Christian Majestys Ships.

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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1781

Ordered that the western Shore Treasurer pay to John Chalmers fifty Dollars of the New Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Esq<sup>r</sup> one hundred and sixty two pounds ten shillings of the same Emission in lieu of sixty five pounds specie for one Horse sold Col<sup>o</sup> Lee's Corps as per Certificate of A McLain and John Bullen and also the further sum of three hundred and thirty six Dollars of the same Emission due him per Acco<sup>t</sup> passed by the Aud. Gen<sup>l</sup>

That the said Treasurer pay to Vachel Worthington one hundred and seven pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to John Bullen on Acc<sup>t</sup>

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Gilbert Middleton thirty seven pounds ten shillings of the same Emission to be delivered over to Captain William Middleton on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert John Smith one hundred and Sixty five pounds eight shillings and nine pence of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen<sup>l</sup>

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Gilbert Middleton twenty two pounds ten shillings of the same Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Col<sup>o</sup> John Dorsey sixty one pounds five shillings and two pence of the same Emission for the use of