April 21

April 20 and twenty five wanting Seven, which we imagined had been delivered Liber 78 at Baltimore pursuant to our Order, a Copy of which is enclosed.

The Mode generally here for the Subsistence of the Militia, when The Mode generally here for the Subsistence of the Militia, when called into actual Service to repel small Parties of the Enemy, and to prevent their Ravages, is to allow them for Rations which they provided for themselves, except in a few Instances where they have not had either Provisions or Money; so that the public Stocks is but little diminished by ordering them into Service. It has always been our Endeavour to make Provisions for the wants of every Part of the State without any Distinction, and we trust our Duty and Inclination will ever prompt us to afford the same Protection to the Eastern that we would to the Western Shore; and although it will give us great Pleasure to receive any Proposition from you that will in the least conduce to promote the Interest of the whole or any Part of the State, we must object to your taking any Measures, giving any Orders, or making any Applications which relate to the State in General. Though your former Letter contained some Expressions that were deemed improper, our Desire to avoid every thing that might disturb the Harmony between us, determined this Board to overlook them and whatever did not encroach on the Authority and tend to lessen the Dignity of the Executive of the State. We have observed with Freedom and Candour on those parts of your Letter of the 17th which are held exceptionable, not with a Design to inflame or create p. 139 uneasiness, but to define and ascertain the Bounds of the Jurisdiction of each Body, whereby we earnestly hope that every Ground and Cause of Jealousy and Distrust may be removed and our Endeavours cordially united and the strength of the State brought into Action properly directed to secure the Independence and preserve the Peace and Happiness of America.

Saturday 21st April 1781

Liber C. B. No. 24 Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Henry Dickin-p. 72 son thirty two pounds, two shillings and eleven pence due him per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Frank Leeke Esq^r one hundred and thirty seven pounds ten shillings of the new Emission in lieu of five thousand five hundred pounds to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson Esquire on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Mills one hundred Dollars to be delivered over to Richard Barnes Esq^r on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Nicholas Mangers of the 3^d Regim^t nineteen pounds, ten shillings and eleven pence due him per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud. and also the further sum of