

we contented ourselves with adopting the best Measures in our Power to perfect the Business without troubling you with unsatisfactory replies, however your favour of the 28th demands a more immediate Answer. Every Thing that is within our Power, and within the exhausted Abilities of this State shall be done chearfully and immediately to promote and render effectual the Expedition which his Excellency Gen^l Washington formed against the British in Virginia; in which we are fully sensible the Ease and Safety of this State in particular is deeply interested. The most precise Orders are issued to impress every Vessel within this State, and forward them to the Head of Elk without a Moments Delay; to purchase and seize all the salt Provisions, upwards of five thousand Head of Cattle, and to procure a large Quantity of Flour and Forage; Part of these Supplies will be at Elk, Baltimore and George Town, the rest in Places convenient to be removed either by Land or Water, as may be found most proper for the Service.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Clement Hollyday Esquire Commissioner for the preservation and Sale of British Confiscated Property fifty Pounds of the Bills of Credit emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000[£]^s &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Martin Norris twelve pounds nine shillings and seven pence half penny of the same Emission, of the money appropriated for the present Campaign per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Reily of the 1st Regiment six pounds fifteen shillings and eleven pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Cloathing and stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Gaither jun^r Commissary of Purchases for Ann Arundel County Forty pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.
aforesaid the allowance for taking up a Deserter Richard Mansfield.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stadford Forrisdale, five pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Cullemer a maimed soldier of the 2^d Maryland Regiment ten pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid in part of his pay on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty three hundred Pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Philip Thomas Esquire and by him expended in the purchase of Waggons on Account.