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That the said Treasurer pay to John Merrikin appointed an Ensign in the Maryland Line, ten pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Neale one thousand pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over as follows, five hundred pounds to Joseph Ford Esq^r Commissary of S^t Marys County and five hundred pounds to Hezekiah Reeder Esq^r Commissary of Charles County for the use of their Departments on Account.

That the Commissary of stores deliver John Merrikin a suit of Cloaths and two shirts on Account.

Warrant issued directed to James Calhoun Esq^r empowering and requesting him to impress, in Frederick and Washington Counties, such a number of Waggons, Teams and Drivers as he may deem necessary to transport the Public Flour from thence to George Town or to appoint a proper person or persons to impress them.

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[Council to Colo. Philip Thomas.]

The fourth Regiment under the Command of Major Roxborough, have just marched; most of the Men are Americans and very healthy, likely young Fellows. We have made every Exertion to get Tents; Blankets, Shoes and Camp Kettles, but without Success, and we can't refrain from expressing our uneasiness on Account of their being so ill provided, for they must suffer greatly. The Shoes, we hope have been, or will be obtained in Time and forwarded to George Town, agreeable to our Request. Nothing would be a more acceptable Service than supplying them with 250 or 300 Blankets, or Cloth suitable for that Purpose, and, if they are attainable, we are sensible your Exertions, in Conjunction with M^r Edelen will not be ineffectual. The Dews, at this Season, are very heavy and pernicious, and unless they have Blankets many of them will fall sick and be lost. We have the Happiness to congratulate you on the Arrival of the French Fleet in the Bay of Chesapeake under Count DeGrasse, consisting of 28 Ships of the Line, four Frigates and a Cutter; the enclosed Copies will give you the Particulars. Governor Nelson, by his Letter of the 2^d informs us they have made such Dispositions as will prevent the British Army, now at York, from crossing James River, should they attempt to escape to the Southward, and trusts they shall, in Conjunction with the French Troops, be able to oppose to them such a Force as will keep them from penetrating westerly in Order to cross the Country higher up. We are also informed by Major Gibbs that the British Fleet of 14 Ships of the Line, under S^r Samuel Hood, arrived at the Hook on Wednesday the 8th ult^o and were joined by six Ships of the Line from New York & on Friday following the whole sailed from the Hook, supposed for the Chesapeake; their Arrival has not yet been announced