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[Council to General Smallwood.]

We apprehend your Proposal to send a Guard of the Regular Soldiers to Frederick Town, to remain there no longer than 'til they can be equipped to take the Field, would not be attended with sufficient good Consequences to make it worth While to march the Men thither, as, in a Day after their Arrival, they might be prepared to leave the Place, and thereby not only derange the little Order existing at present, but the Prisoners might be left without a Guard. Well knowing your Readiness to concur in any proper Measures for the Advantage of the State, we wish you to consider whether a Guard of Regular Troops belonging to the State cannot be spared for some determinate Time, one, two or three Months. We the rather think there would be no Impropriety in this, as the Prisoners are Continental Prisoners and ought to be guarded by the Continent. The Expence of turning out the Militia for this Service, is really enormous. To keep a Guard of 200 Men at Frederick Town, which must be relieved every two Months, it is indispensably necessary to have 400 Men continually in Motion and in Pay, one Half the Time of each Class being consumed in making Preparations for Marching and returning; to say nothing about the Loss of so much useful Labour, and the great Aversion of our People to this Kind of Duty.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John M^cCallister fifty three pounds eighteen shillings and six pence—Nicholas Tice four pounds, three shillings and five pence—William Ritchie six pounds, seven shillings and eight pence & Handle Barrick five pounds, four shillings and eleven pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Certif^s adjusted & passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John McClellan, Richard Lemmon and Isaac Griest two hundred and sixty pounds and one penny specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Account passed the 27 March last

That the said Treasurer pay to Grace Owens, ten pounds five shillings and six pence & John Willis eleven pounds, eight shillings and four pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} due them p Accounts passed.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Thomas Beatty eight hundred and forty eight pounds, eight shillings and eleven pence of the same Emission, thirty two pounds, ten shillings and eleven pence thereof to be by him retained for Certificates issued agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State, and the residue to be delivered over as follows—Conrod Doll one hundred and twenty pounds, thirteen shillings and six pence—Abraham Haff five pounds, two shillings and six pence—Benedict Stone six pounds, fifteen Shil-