

December 13 inform you that there remains in Circulation of the State Emission
 Liber No. 78 of June 1780, £48,000 which passes at three and four for one, but
 p. 310 probably will rise in Value, as Property pledged for its Redemption
 as Specie, will shortly be sold. Indeed it can hardly be said to be in
 Circulation at this Time, as none of it comes in by Taxes, though
 two Dollars may be paid in Lieu of one of Specie, those who possess
 it preferring to keep it to greater Advantage. Of the Continental
 State Emission, pursuant to the Act of Congress of March the 18th
 1780, there is in Circulation £73,082. which passes currently at four
 and five for one. This too, will probably very shortly rise in Value,
 as the Legislature, now sitting, have it in Contemplation to order
 Lands to be sold for its Redemption, as Specie, independent of the
 Funds upon which it was issued; this Money is taken in Taxes at
 three for one, though very little of it is brought into the Treasury by
 this Means. The Emission under the Act of the 10th May last, has
 been issued from the Treasury as Specie; it may be paid in Taxes,
 or loaned to the State as Specie, though it passes for no more than
 two for one in all private Dealings. There is yet to be issued of this
 Money £119,220.7.2; there has been issued £80,779.12.10—
 £16,263.12.0 of which has been brought into the Treasury by Taxes
 and otherwise; any so brought in, cannot be reissued. Your Letter
 relative to the 5 p Cent. Duty on Imports, is now before the Legis-
 lature, to whose Consideration, all your Letters have been submitted.
 Convinced with you Sir, that “the Superiority of national Re-
 sources, is the sure Ground on which to hope for Success; and that
 superior Resources, steadily and perseveringly applied, must eventu-
 ally attain its Object”; we most earnestly hope that those who are
 called to the high Offices of Legislation in our State, will have Wis-
 dom to adopt such Modes of Revenue and Expenditure, as will reduce
 our Affairs to Order and restore public Credit; and having the most
 perfect Reliance on your Zeal, Integrity and Abilities, it is among our
 first wishes, that their Measures for those valuable Purposes, may be
 entirely correspondent with your own.

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Friday 14th December 1781.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Fair-
 bairn, Thomas Allison, and Zedekiah Risdon soldiers in the Mary-
 land Line, each, one pair Breeches, one pair Stockings and one pair
 Shoes; also to John Green, Jeremiah Mudd, Charles Robertson,
 Simon Perry, and John Shanks soldiers as aforesaid, each, a suit of
 Cloaths, two shirts, one pair Stockings and one pair Shoes, on
 Account

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Woolfe, three hun-
 dred pounds, of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of
 Bills of Credit &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Cam-
 paign to be delivered over to Patrick Sim Smith Commissary of
 Calvert County on Account