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Duty to lay before us the Resources in your Hands, and the Demands upon Government, and to take our Advice how to make those Resources most productive, and how to apportion the Money arising from them, among the different Demands. As to the Settlement of Accounts, you ought to be fully competent to that Business, and we cannot suppose a Case where it would be proper in you to ask, or us to give our Opinion upon the Settlement of an Account previous to your Determination on it. We know you have often brought Accounts to us before you passed them yourself; but from what Motives? none other that we can suggest, than Fear of giving Offence to the Party, by rejecting it yourself. That you may not hereafter avail yourself of the Plea of Ignorance, as to the Misapplication of Money arising from the Sale of Specifics, we now inform you that those Specifics mentioned in our Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant, appropriated to raise 20,000 £ for the Payment of Creditors, still remain subject to that Appropriation, and the Pretence that the subsequent Act, directing you to sell Specifics to the amount of 50,000 £ for Congress, indirectly repeals or supersedes it is too trifling to merit serious Attention. You shall be furnished with an Account of the Money we have paid in Part of the 20,000 £, and we insist upon your strict Compliance with the Directions already given you. We have omitted to reply to many Parts of your Letter, not from a Consciousness that they were unanswerable, but because some are foreign to the Subjects in Controversy, and others mention Conversations you have had with Individuals, which do not concern this Board. As you say you are governed by the Laws, it is our Wish you would seriously and attentively reconsider them, and weigh well the Powers conferred on you by the Act appointing you, and then determine on the Propriety of your Conduct, in refusing to comply with our Directions. Your Determination we doubt not, will put an End to a Dispute, irksome to us and of no Advantage to the Public.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Alice Redmond, Mary Connolly & Mary Huston, each, one Pound, two shillings & six Pence Specie due them per Accounts passed.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Stewart & Maxwell nineteen Pounds, one shilling and six Pence specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Account passed 11<sup>th</sup> June last.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Simon Wickes four Pounds, five shillings—Stephen Hodges seven Pounds, one shilling & three pence & Hugh M<sup>c</sup> Laughlin six Pounds, ten shillings specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Accounts and Certificates passed.—