

petency to the arduous Business, you dwell on with a Satisfaction bordering upon Indecency. Again, the Intendant cannot be controuled, because the Judgment of a County Court cannot be controuled. Is this the only Instance your Invention could suggest, and what does it prove? either nothing, or too much, for the Legislature no more than the Executive, can controul the Judgment of a County Court, and yet the Intendant will submit to the Controul of the Legislature. But a Little Consideration would have satisfied the Intendant that he was unfortunate in the Instance he had selected, for the Judicial and Executive Powers of Government are distinct, and the Declaration of Rights has precluded all Interference of the one with the other. You say we have no Power over the Revenue by the Constitution. We acknowledge it, but we have a Power over the Officers of the Revenue, flowing from the Constitution, as we have sufficiently proved. We insisted, a Power must be somewhere lodged; in Answer you observe, the Legislature may be convened. How wretched must the People of that Government be, and how contemptible the Government, which cannot restrain the pernicious Practices of a Subordinate Officer, without incurring the enormous Expence of convening the supreme Power of the State! Nothing is more apparent than the Fallacy of the Argument you have deduced from the Obligation of your Oath, the Securities required by Law, the high Confidence of the Legislature, and your being responsible, for it applies equally to the Exemption of all other Officers from Controul who are under similar Restraints, and have the Confidence of those from whom they received their Appointment. But the great Caution of the Framers of our excellent Constitution deemed it necessary for the Safety and Interest of the State, to place them under the Eye and Power of the Executive.

We have now, we think, established, to the Conviction of every candid, unprejudiced Mind, our Right to exercise the Powers which you call assumed. That you may not be convinced, is very possible, but when any future Occasion calls for our Interposition, we shall have no Apprehension that you will disregard our Directions.

Thursday 10th October 1782

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^o John Dorsey ninety five pounds, eighteen shillings and six pence specie out of the money appropriated for the Payment of Creditors of a particular description per Certificates adjusted & passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Dorsey, Wheeler and Comp^y one hundred and sixty nine pounds, nine shillings and ten pence, Moses Hudson fifteen Pounds, Henry Ayres, ten pounds, ten shillings, William Selby nineteen pounds, nineteen shillings, Dennis Hudson

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