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[W Paca in Council to The Honble General Assembly.]

We have the Honor to lay before you, Copies of a Report of a Committee of Congress, on the Subject of Rhode Island's Refusal to impose the 5 p^r Cent Duty; and of an Address by Massachusetts's Bay to Congress, relative to the Continental Emissions. M^r Carroll writes us, that the Continental Money is purchasing up, at Philadelphia, at the Exchange of 300 for 1. Congress request that no Copies may be taken of the Report, at present.

Ibid.
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We have the Honor to lay before you, a Letter from the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, enclosing the Copy of a Commission to M^r Oswald, authorizing him to treat of Peace or Truce with the United States of America. The Secretary having stated the Propriety of preventing Copies of the Commission to be taken for the Press, and the Necessity of not relaxing in the Preparations for War, it is unnecessary for us to enforce his Sentiments by any additional Arguments.

Ibid.

[W Paca in Council to Honble Intendant.]

We had the Honor of addressing you the 6th Instant, on the Subject of paying one Year's Interest to the Holders of Certificates, to which we have not been favored with any Reply, nor have any Reasons been suggested to us to induce a Belief that you have taken any Measures to Comply with a most solemn Engagement of the General Assembly, with Regard to this Subject. We must therefore once more request you to take Means, immediately, to supply the Treasury with Money for the Payment of such Interest as the Law directs to be paid. The Public Faith, Sir, must be supported, in this Case: If the Means afforded you are not sufficient, a Representation ought to be made, without Delay, to the present Assembly, that they may adopt such a System as will save the State from the Dishonor and Disgrace of a Violation of Faith, so recently and solemnly pledged to their Citizens. You will be pleased to give us an Answer as soon as possible

Ibid.

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Immediately on the Receipt of your Resolve, authorizing us to apply to Commodore Villebrune for a Naval Assistance, we dispatched it to Baltimore by an Express, accompanying it with a Letter, enforcing the Application. The Commodore being then at Philadelphia, a Circumstance we did not know 'til the Return of the Express, it was some Time before we could obtain an Answer, and when it came, we were referred to the Minister of France, as the