

That the said Treasurer pay to James Roper three pounds Specie on Account

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Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Claude Besse Commander of the Brigantine Spitfire, sixty four Tons burthen navigated by twenty men, mounting ten Carriage Guns belonging to John Dumeste of Baltimore and Peter Lamaige of Philadelphia dated 8th of July 1781.

[Council to His Ex^y Count Rochambeau]

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We are honored with your Favor of the 17th ult^o and are exceedingly concerned that the last Dispatches we forwarded, were so long on their Way. Perfectly coinciding in Opinion with you that the Delay of Dispatches may be attended with the most fatal Consequences, and ever desirous of manifesting upon all Occasions, our Respect for your Excellency, we beg Leave to assure you Sir, that we shall be particularly attentive in forwarding any Letters of yours which may, in future, pass through our Hands. The Chain of Expresses shall be established from Alexandria through this State, according to the Plan you settled with General Washington.

[Council to The Governor of Virginia]

Ibid.

We were yesterday honored with your Letter of the 21st ult^o and shall give Directions that the Line of Posts be continued from Alexandria through this State. We have written to the Count de Rochambeau to this Effect and we hope his Apprehensions of unnecessary Delay of his Dispatches will be removed. We are greatly obliged by your Excellencys Communication, respecting Joseph Shoemaker: From the Information that can be obtained, we are induced to believe he originally resided in Pennsylvania, and removed from thence to Virginia and was an Inhabitant of your State when the Depredations alluded to by you, were committed. If so, we need not suggest the Impropriety of our receiving him. What Testimony can be procured here against him shall be communicated

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William Souther a Draught from Prince Georges County & David Jones a substitute from Dorchester County 'till the 10th of December last are hereby Discharged from the service.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Baruch Williams Esq^r three hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Henry Hollingsworth on Account