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Solemnity of sending a Gentleman of distinguished Character, with high appointments; for such is the Principle upon which this Commission is given; merely to Negotiate with Merchants, a common Mercantile transaction; may create doubts where none were before entertained; and impress an Idea, that we ourselves have not the most favorable opinion of the Justice of our Claim.

Altho' the Act contains a positive direction to appoint a Gentleman of Abilities and Address, the Legislature could mean no more than that he should be well qualified to discharge the trust (i e) that he should possess the ordinary essential qualifications of a Merchant. It is not in the Character of an Ambassador that he is to appear—nor can he possibly be engaged in any measure as Agent, in which exalted talents, a refined skill in Politics, the insinuating address of a Courtier, or a profound knowlege in the Laws, can be drawn into Service. The line of conduct to be pursued by him, is clearly this—He discloses his Commission to the Trustees, and Demands a transfer, or Assignment of the bank Stock,—if they refuse, the only remedy then is, an application to the Chancery; (perhaps the Act does not even empower him to take this Step) the sollicitors of that Court, must then transact the Business; and the determination will be conformable to the Laws of the Land, and not to the Arbitrary Will of a Minister—if as was suggested in the Legislature, a Minister could be found, weak enough to interfere in a Case where his interposition could not possibly have the smallest influence.—

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The Council then proceeded to the appointment of an Agent and Trustee, when Samuel Chase Esquire was elected, and the following Commission issued to him

The State of Maryland To Samuel Chase Esq^r Greeting.

Be it known that reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Zeal, Fidelity and good Conduct We have nominated and appointed you Agent and Trustee to execute the Trust, Powers and Authorities under the Act entitled an Act concerning the Stock of the Bank of England belonging to this State: And we do hereby authorize and empower you to do and perform, transact and Negotiate all Matters and Things required by the said Act agreeably to the Directions thereof and such Instructions as may be given you.

Done in Council at Annapolis this fifth Day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand, seven hundred and Eighty three and in the Eighth year of our Independence.”—

[W^m Paca in Council Annapolis to M^r Shaw.]

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As there are only a few Barrels of Powder now remaining in the Magazine near the Head of Seven, it is thought unnecessary to a keep a Guard there any longer; You will therefore be pleased to have it brought to this place immediately and taken care of.