

November General Assembly and making use of Violence to obtain Satisfaction  
 of their Demands upon the Public—And as it is probable some riotous  
 attempt may be made upon the Treasury for the same Purpose I do  
 hereby in Pursuance of the Powers entrusted me by the Act entitled  
 “An Act to revive and continue the Acts of Assembly for regulating  
 the Militia and to empower the Governor to call out the Militia to  
 suppress Insurrections and quiet Disturbances,” authorize and direct  
 you to order a Company of Militia of this City, immediately to equip  
 and compleatly arm themselves and be in readiness on a Moments  
 Warning to assemble to suppress such Riotous proceedings, if any  
 should happen.

Y<sup>r</sup> hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

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[W<sup>m</sup> Paca, Annapolis, to The General Assembly.]

The enclosed Calculation which is made by the Register of the  
 Land Office for this Shore, induced the Executive to decline Execut-  
 ing your Resolve of the last Session which directed them to appoint  
 a fit and proper person or Persons to make Extracts of all Grants and  
 Certificates relative to the Lands on the Eastern shore &<sup>ca</sup>. By the  
 Calculation it would take one Clerk Twenty three Years to make the  
 Extracts, or Twenty three Clerks for one Year. The Expence we  
 conceived was not foreseen besides previous appropriations had swept  
 the Funds; and Clerks were not to be had on Credit.

Ibid.

[W<sup>m</sup> Paca, Annapolis, to General Assembly.]

I have the Honor to lay before you copies of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> M<sup>r</sup>  
 Chase's appointment and Commission, Bond and Instructions. The  
 Instructions suggest the Reason which determined the Executive to  
 direct the Money which might arise on a Transfer and Sale of the  
 Bank Stock to be placed in the Hands of Bankers in preference to  
 having it remitted. As there are some grounds to hope the Bank Stock  
 may be obtained, at least a part of it and as M<sup>r</sup> Chase in his Letter  
 communicated to your Honorable Houses a few Days ago thinks it  
 impracticable to remit specie—I humbly submit the propriety of tak-  
 ing this Subject into Consideration and adopting Provisional mea-  
 sures for drawing the Money out of the Bankers Hands.—

I have also the Honor of laying before you a Letter which I have  
 just received from M<sup>r</sup> Ridley dated the 12<sup>th</sup> September: the first part  
 of it throws a fresh Light on the Subject of his Agency, and the lat-  
 ter part of it gives Information of a Fraudulent Plan which British  
 Subjects are adoping to introduce British and Irish Convicts into  
 the United States.

With the Highest respect & Attachment

I have the Honor &<sup>ca</sup>