

Gentlemen,

In Council November 15. 1790

We think proper to inform you that in consequence of a resolution of the last Session of Assembly Mr John White was re-appointed agent to attend the settlement of accounts between this State and the United States - upon his ~~his~~ death we appointed Mr Christopher Richmond who appears to us to be well acquainted with the business - the letters which we have the honor to enclose, will inform you of the situation which it is in.

We have endeavored to procure information of the confiscated property to be sold, and make arrangements ~~for~~ for the sale of it, but have not been able to obtain such satisfaction as we could wish - In many instances suits were commenced against persons who did not bond, and injunctions have been granted. 57/77



granted by the Court of Chancery to stay the Proceedings,  
in other instances petitions have been filed in that Court  
praying to be discharged from the Contracts - Application  
has been made to the Attorney General and the late  
Intendant of the Revenue, but the former Gentleman  
has been for some time engaged with the Courts, and  
the other from whom we expected much information has  
long been unwell

We have called upon all the debtors  
to the State, upon the Auditor's & late Intendants' Books,  
in consequence of which many of the accounts have  
been settled but a greater number still remain open -  
In many cases the debtors offer accounts in bar but  
for want of regular vouchers the Auditor cannot  
allow them ~~and from the answers that~~ ~~we~~ have  
been generally made to our demands we have reason  
to apprehend that some of the States' claims are  
erroneous, which consideration has prevented us from

10 orders



~~ordering suits as we intended~~

Two instances have occurred which we judged of sufficient importance to authorize our drawing money from the Treasury - and we doubt not but the necessity of the cases will justify us; The one an ~~accidental~~ accidental fire in the Government house which would have become a ruin if we had not taken upon ourselves the repairing it - the other making a Stair case to the top of the Dome in the Stadt house which we judged necessary in order the more easily to examine some leaks in the roof and as a greater security against fire

We are  
Yours  
G. Howard



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