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Judgment and Control over the Public Money designed by the Legislature,
accounts may be twice paid, or those which would not pass, may
get paid. Wherefore we request that you will not advance any Thing in
future, on Account of the Public, without our particular Request, for we
clearly see this Mode of conducting the Business will not do. We are &c.
Wth Jesse Hollingsworth.

In Council 25th Decr 1744
186. Sirs
We write to Capt. Coursey to wait on you himself and explain his Bill
for Lardage. Belt wants his for a different Vessel, he says he wrote to you for a
Ten inch Cable and half a Ton of small Lardage. I suppose he is mistaken, and
that he wrote for the Ton, as you mention, tho' the Cable and half Ton only
were wanted by him ~ We do not think we shall have Occasion for the ten
Tons of Hemp, besides what you now have by you, though we possibly may
and therefore we wish you to contract for it. If it should not be all immedi-
ately, or as soon as you work it up, wanted by the Public, it will yet be a
Public Advantage to have your People kept fully employed, and there's no
likelihood of any ~~loss~~ loss from it. We will advance the Money for the
Purchase, as you may desire it, and shall willingly settle and pay for what
we have had as soon as you please. The Price we presume will depend
a good Deal on the sort of the Materials and ought to be mentioned by
you, we expect it will be as moderate as you can well afford. ~
The Georgia Regiment have occasioned Complaints wherever they have went.
A Representation of their Conduct has been laid before Congress, who have
impowered the Governour to appoint Commissioners to hear Complaints
against them and settle Damages, which are to be stopp'd at the Pay of the
Regiment. We believe that your Waggon, when on such Business, will not
again be taken, but there would be an Impropriety as we have no Power
to grant particular Exemptions. ~ We are &c.
Christ^o. Saunders Esq^r

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.

187. Soon after the Enemy's Fleet pass'd by
Annapolis and before it was discovered whether Philadelphia ^{was} the Object, or
that the Intention, as many supposed, was to cut off the Eastern ^{from the Western} Shore,
I received a letter from the Hon^{ble}. William Paca Esq^r who happened then to
be at Chester Town, advising me of the Disposition of the People on that
Shore to exert themselves in their Defence, of their Want of Money and
many other Things, and requesting what Assistance the Government
could possibly give, and, that Things might be conducted with the more
Regularity and, consequently, with the better Effect, desiring blank
Commissions might be sent over, to be filled up with the Advice of
Militia Lieutenants and principal Gentlemen. I received the