

In Council Annapolis 25th Apr. 1778

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We inclose you a Copy of Part of our Supply Bill and request you to apply to Congress, for the one hundred Thousand Dollars mentioned in it. The Bill empowers us, if Money cannot be otherwise obtained, to emit and issue 300,000 Dollars, which we shall be obliged to do, tho' very reluctantly, if Congress does not supply us. The Assembly have said that many of the Demands on the Treasury are on the Continental Account; they might have said that the Demands were principally on that Account. If you should get the Money, the sooner you can send it down, the better. We hear that a Brig, in which Mr. Morris is chiefly interested, with a very large Cargo of course Linens, has arrived at the Inlets and run on the Bar, but that the Cargo is nearly, if not all, saved. We shall want a good Deal of Linens and wish you to engage a Preference for this State in at least 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ of Quabrigs for Coats and Overalls for our Troops, or to the Amount of that Quantity in other course Linens, suitable for those Purposes: besides which, if there is any Linen proper for Shirting, we should be glad of a Quantity of it 10, 15 or 20,000 Yards. If Mr. Morris is not at Congress, do send an Express to him, it is a capital Object with us and, if we succeed, our Men will be very well off.

Deputies in Congress

We are &c

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Sir

If you have engaged any of Capt. Brisson or Capt. Adilon's French Sailors shipped in their Ports, we desire you will deliver them up again, for it appears to us from their Papers that their Men are bound to perform the Voyage, and it ill suits with the Promises of Friendship, Protection and Assistance held out to Strangers to come amongst us, to strip them of their Hands and defeat their Voyage.

We are &c

Capt. Matthews ar,
Capt. Courfey

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Sir

Capt. Brisson and Adilon of two French armed Vessels, have complained to us that their Hands, French Subjects, shipped in Hispaniola and to return there again, are induced to enter into the Service as Recruits and Substitutes. We are sorry that after the Promises of good Usage held out to Strangers to come amongst us, our People should treat them so. Capt. Brisson has furnished his Commission and Articles, from whence we collect the Men are to perform the Voyage and he has thence most clearly, a Power to compel them. We hope for the sake of Justice and the Public Faith and Honor, that the Officers & People will desist from stripping those Vessels of their Hands and that if they do not that you will not pass ^{them} for they are not Freeman, to enter into a new Engagement, directly repugnant to that which already subsists.

Andrew Buchanan Esq

We are &c