

In Council ~~London~~ 17th Aug. 1770.

10300.

We are rendered very uneasy at Mr. Harrison's Situation in Martinique we are dunned from many Quarters about that Debt and indeed treated ill by our Endeavours have not proved successful; we find the Public highly judiciously on Produce shipped to Martinique, besides Mr. Harrison's undertaking to dispose of our Vessels; the only Way, as it appears to us, that we have of making an End of this very disagreeable Business and with the least Loss to the Public, is to purchase Bills of Exchange; we have understood that Mr. Harrison would draw on France at the Rate of £100 Sterling for £500 our Money, and we suppose the Bills would sell at Martinique for upwards of £1000; we should therefore be obliged to you to endeavour to purchase Bills on France to the Amount of about 2500 Sterling not exceeding five for one drawn in Sets of at least four, each Bill for not more than £500 Sterling they may be made payable to the Governor and, if an immediate Payment of the Money is desired, endeavour to obtain it from Congress and it shall be immediately replaced. If Bills cannot be got on France, they would, if to be had on the French or Dutch Islands, answer as well, if the Exchange is not more against us. If Private Bills cannot be got on either Place, we wish you'd endeavour to negotiate with the Congress for Bills or a Loan, for this is a most irksome Affair to us.

Mr. Morris has never called on us for the Money due to him for the Goods he sold this State; the Goods have been applied to cloath the Troops, we wish to have his State of the Acc^t. that we may get the Money from Congress into his Hands. We inclose you an Account of Commissions issued here, we have but one left be pleased to forward us more they will be soon wanted.

We are &c.

Delegates in Congress }
from Maryland - }

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Gent.

301.

We have sent, under Guard, a certain Jonathan Jennings, who was apprehended in Virginia for passing counterfeit Paper Dollars and, as the greater Part of the Money was passed in this State, the County Court for Fairfax County in Virginia thought proper to order him to this State for Trial. inclosed you have the Order of Court respecting him, with the counterfeit Money and a Letter from the Magistrates, with the Evidence against him.

The Justices of }
West County Court }