

In Council Annapolis 22^d Feb^r 1779

Sir

N^o 380
Mr. Thomas Langton, the Bearer of this, has private Letters to fill with his Brother who is now in New York. Mr. Langton is so strongly recommended to us as a Person well attached to America that we are very desirous he should have an Opportunity of transacting his Business, which have been inclosed to us and appears to be of consequence to him; we therefore request the Favours of you to permit and facilitate a Meeting of these Gentlemen at some convenient Place for doing their Business on the

Genl. Maxwell or the
Commanding Officer at
Elizabeth Town

We are &c

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381.
Richard Murraw carries you 90 Bushels of Salt; we are told it is exceeding good and expect is just such as you wish. If you have any Pork packed away, it will give some Trouble to send it by this Boat on her Return write us at what time we may send for a Boat Load. We do not consider ourselves at Liberty to change the Bills which have been received of the Emissions called in; if it was to the Extent of a few thousand Pounds only, it would not be a Matter of any great Consequence to the Public, but if we should take back all of those Emissions that have been paid away, it is very likely our Treasury would be so far impoverished as not to be able to supply Money for the current Expences. The Inconvenience to the Holders will at all Events only be to lay out of the Use of their Money til some Time in the Summer they may now lend it to the Continent on Interest and, probably the Assembly will make it so far further useful as that it may be advanced for Taxes

We are &c

P.S. We inclose you an Order for 1000 £ which we see will be wanted; it must be paid in other Money than the Emissions called in; we donot find such a Proportion of Counterfeits as was expected.

Col. Wm Richardson

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382.
Your Treasurers Band appears to us to be right, we approve of the Security where the Sheriffs have received the Emissions of May 1777 and April 1778, we think you ought to receive the same Money of them but that they ought not to change other Money for those Emissions and then pay in those Bills which are designed to be taken out of Circulation and, in Order to evince the Fact we think those who offer to pay in the Bills of May 1777 and April 1778 ought to lodge with you an Affidavit of their having received them for Taxes. We cannot give you any positive Directions as to not giving the Collectors Bonds; if there was a Certainty of the Money's being paid, the Indulgence might probably be approved by the Assembly and under the present Circumstances, which we expect will induce them to allow the People to pay in those Emissions for Taxes, it is likely they will not find Fault with your 'forbearance'. As the Assembly is to meet the 2^d of March and this Matter will be immediately before them, we hope you will be timely acquainted with the Result.

We are &c

Henry Dickinson Esq^r
Treasurer of the Eastern Shore