

In Council Annapolis 1st Dec^r 1779

Basil Williams hath, by his Petition set forth to us that he was some Time in the Year 1777 deprived of a Negro Man by the Enemy whereby he hath greatly suffered, and it appearing to us by the Deposition of the said Basil Williams and the Certificates of several Gentlemen of Reputation that the said Facts are true and we esteeming it proper that the Collection of the present Assessment of the said Basil Williams should be suspended, do direct you not to collect the same or any Part thereof

We are &c

The Sheriff of Cecil County

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Sir

13. Your Situation is certainly distressing; very immediate Assistance in the Power of this Board has been given in sending you twenty thousand Dollars by Mr Francis Dallam and we have to lament that an Agent so truly active and faithful as we have every Reason to believe you have been, should be involved in Difficulty by Exertions for the Public Benefit. This Sum, it is hoped, will suffice for the present if it is applied to the Payment of those who are most pressing, and shortly large Payments may be expected from the Sheriffs of the several Counties: in the mean Time, we hope your Creditors will be patient. The Continental Treasury in this State has been drained for the Purpose of sending you this Supply and 0000 Dollars over and above were drawn from the Treasury of this State to make up the 20000. We have hitherto in no Instance drawn Orders on the Sheriffs for the supplying Money to Purchasers of Provisions, and would with great Reluctance adopt a Measure of that Kind. Mr Wederstrandt has made frequent and pressing Applications for Cash and complains that the 12000 Dollars from the Continental Treasury should be sent you as he actually deposited them

Richard Dallam Esq^r

We are &c

In Council Annapolis 3rd Dec^r 1779

Sir

14. Your Letters of the 26th and 30th Ult^o were laid before the general Assembly with a Recommendation from this Board to revive and amend the Law for impressing Vessels &c and to make the necessary Provision for the quartering and otherwise accommodating the Troops of our Allies. When the necessary Regulations are determined upon by the Assembly you may rely, we shall advise you of them as yet, nothing has been done. We have not the least Objection to your making Use of the Barracks and wish them better calculated for the Number of Sick and wounded you expect

James Salbourn Esq^r

We are &c