

more especially after the first Attempt, for, relying upon the Punctuality of
No 339 the public Collectors, we did not hesitate to give Assurances of Payment,
but a Failure on their Part, necessarily occasioned Disappointments to the
public Creditors and injured the Credit of Government. The frequent
Applications to this Board by Mercantile Gentlemen, induce us to
think it is not to be had from Individuals in this State. The Powder
shall be delivered to your Order from the Magazines at Frederick Town
when you shall think proper to find for it. We are &c
President of the Board of War.

In Council Annapolis 31st July 1700

330. Sir, We request you and you are hereby empowered to take the Command of the
Plater State Boat and proceed with her down to Hoopers Straights, for the Purpose
of Co-operating with Capt. Smeat in subduing and capturing the Enemy or disaffected
Inhabitants of this State, who have for some Time, infested the Trade in that Quarter
and committed Depredations on the good People of the State, who are situated within
their Reach. The Officers and Men on Board the said Vessel Plater are required
and hereby directed to act in Subserviency to all your lawful Commands and they
shall be your and their Warrant. Given at Annapolis the Day and Year
above mentioned.

Capt. William Woolford.

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In Council Annapolis 31st July 1700

341. Gent^l Enclosed you have a few more Copies of the "Act to enable the Treasurer of
the Western Shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange and for an Emission of Bills
of Credit if necessary" which he pleased to transmit for the Purpose expressed in
ours of the 19th Inst. You will observe by the within Act that this Board
is authorized and requested, in case the Bills are not sold within thirty Days,
to have Bills of Credit emitted to the Amount, and on the Credit of the thirty
Thousand Pounds therein mentioned. We are further requested by a Resolution
of the General Assembly of the 5th Instant, to prepare for the Emission in case
it should be found necessary. The Time limited being nearly expired and the
Bills not yet sold, we have, in consequence, engaged Mr. Green to go to Philadel-
phia, for the Purpose of procuring Paper and Plates, and he is desired to take
your Directions as to the Denomination, Device, and Marks of each Bill, which
we beg you will choose and determine on, and give him your Aid in the
Execution of this our Commission. We are &c

Delegated in Congress.