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Sir, In Council May 11. 1789

In a return lately made to this Board by the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, the following circumstances are noted - 1<sup>st</sup> That you settled with Robert Wright Esq<sup>r</sup> for the sum received by Charles Downes Esq<sup>r</sup> & deciaed for Marriage licences in 1784. 5 and 6 and took Mr Wright's Bond for the Amount in 1787 which Bond has not been returned to the said Treasurer - 2<sup>nd</sup> That you was to have settled in 1787 with Joshua Sney Esq<sup>r</sup> for fines &c for the year 1782 to the amount of £137<sup>4</sup> 5<sup>0</sup> & 5<sup>3</sup>. Money the issue of which bymoss the treasurer is ignorant of - 3<sup>d</sup> That it was by your order that execution did not go out against George Bird Collector of said County for the year 1785 on a judgment recovered a- gainst him at September term 1787, and that Bird in the same year paid you £390 which sum the Treasurer has not received - lastly - That sundry re- gress the property of Ben Hutchinson were taken in execution, and remain in fold by your direction - There is an apparent degree of irregularity in those transactions that seems to require investigation, as the first step towards which we have thought it proper to state the particulars to you and request that you inform us how the representations of the treasurer are founded and explain the grounds on which such transac- tions have taken place - We beg to be favored with your answer as early as possible.

We are Sir  
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