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want of regular vouchers the Auditor cannot allow them, and from the answers that have been generally made to our demands, we have reason to apprehend that some of the State's claims are not well founded. This has happened from the former Auditors debiting individuals to sums of money paid them for services rendered or supplies furnished, instead of charging the same to general Accounts, which consideration has prevented us from ordering suits as we intended.

Two Instances have occurred which we judged of sufficient importance to authorize our drawing money from the Treasury, and we doubt not but the necessity of the cases will justify us; The one an accidental fire in the Government house, which would have become a ruin if we had not taken upon ourselves the repairing it. The other, making a stair case to the top of the Dome in the State house, which we judged necessary in order the more easily to examine some leaks in the roof, and as a greater security against fire.

We are Sir
J. Howard.

The Honble
The General Assembly.

In Council November 10th 1790

Gentlemen

A question has fallen under the consideration of the Board; which, from its Importance, they have thought advisable to represent to the Legislature. It arises in consequence of a claim of Benjamin