

in, in that light; and when the continental Tax is actually raised Original
you may then reimburse the State Treasuries. Congress as they have no Authority, so they never will enquire into the manner by which the State has raised her quota. If however the Emissions alluded to above, were not expressly levied for Continental Taxes, and you do not, as we conceive you may, consider them in that light, no way is open but to throw them into the Loan office, either on Loan or to be exchanged, the former of these Alternatives we do not approve of and the latter will deprive the State of the use of the money for some time.

M^r Harwood's power as a continental Loan Officer extends no further than to receive these Emissions either on loan or to be exchanged, we therefore think he did right in not receiving them in the way you proposed to him.

Enclosed you have Extracts of Letters from the General they were received yesterday and will be sent by the president to you, but least his Copy should miscarry, we have thought it proper to send you the one enclosed their Destination is not known.

To rescue the Troops of Burgoyne may possibly be part of their object, tho the prevailing opinion is, that their main design is further South.

We are Sir with highest Respect
and Esteem your ob^t H^{ble}
Serv^{ts}

Geo Plater
W^m Paca
John Henry

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The Board of War desire to know the Condition & Price of the Powder if they liked the latter, a Person will be sent down to examine the State of it, & close the Bargain

Wednesday 12th May 1779

C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Commissions issued to Abraham Haff appointed Major. John Compton 2^d Lieut John Johnson Ens. of Capt Keephearts Comp^y. Thomas Beatty Capt. in the room of John Adlum, Conrod Doll 1 Lieut, Nicholas Hisler 2^d Lieut, Henry Hupstadler Ens. Baltzer Gitzadanner 1 Lieut. & William Miller 2^d Lieut of Capt John Storess Comp^y belonging to the Frederick Town Battalion of Militia in Fred. County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Nathan Harris Thirty five Pounds Eight Shillings and also the further