

Moved for the Bills.

Original

This Minute recēd the inclosed from our president

I forgot L<sup>d</sup> North it is necessary to hold out some Inducem<sup>t</sup> to the Colonies—collectively & separately—Some may not & some may renounce their Independency.

Two Things are in my opinion essentially necessary—a respectable Army—a full Congress—every nerve sho<sup>d</sup> be exerted to fill our Ranks. I am of opinion that it would be prudent for every assembly or executive immediately to publish a Pardon to all their subjects who have taken arms &c who shall return to their Country & take the Oath of Allegiance before a limited Time—think well of this—I beleive it would thin their Ranks, and detach their friends—We know our People, any of them, are desirous of quitting them—if possible keep our Assembly together—if broke up convene them early in June—I wish M<sup>r</sup> Stone wo<sup>d</sup> come up. I wish Paca wo<sup>d</sup> quit his Judges Seat, and that our assembly wo<sup>d</sup> appoint him. I did intend Home, but I beleive I shall stay & see it out. The Hour to try the Firmness & prudence of Man is near at Hand. I am really diffident of myself, I shall endeavor to act my Part well. My Soul has been chagrined at certain Conduct, but I love my Country, & shall with pleasure retire after Peace is established.

I am tired—tis 12 °Clock—adieu

Your Friend  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Chase

Wednesday 22 April 1778.

C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Henry Wilson two thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be delivered over to William Bond son of Joshua Agent for Harford County on Acc<sup>t</sup>

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Stone Esq<sup>r</sup> three thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be delivered over to Dan<sup>l</sup> Jenifer Esq. Purchaser in Charles County on Account.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Doct. Henry Schnebely three thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be delivered over to Richard Davis Purchaser in Washington County Account.