

but you may send, as soon as it is convenient, the several <sup>Original</sup> sums in those Bills to the Continental Treasury; for the Resolves of Congress are express that they shall be received for Debts and Taxes into the continental Treasury and into the State Treasury for continental Taxes untill the first of June. If they came in on any other ground than for a continental Tax, (altho not strictly within the Resolves of Congress) yet we think the State may, and we are of opinion you ought or it will be advantageous to the State, to consider them as brought in, in that light; and when the continental Tax is actually raised you may then reimburse the State Treasuries. Congress as they have no Authority, so they never will inquire 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<sup>r</sup> 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 Extract 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 farther South.

We are Sir with highest Respect  
and Esteem your ob<sup>t</sup> & h<sup>ble</sup>

Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Geo: Plater

W<sup>m</sup> Paca

John Henry

Dan of S<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Jenifer

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