

lation certain Bills of Credit emitted by Act of Assembly; you will perceive, on Perusal of the Act, that a Power is delegated to you, in Case His Excellency Benjamin Franklin should die or decline to accept of the Trust reposed in him, to appoint one of the five Gentlemen nominated in the Act, Trustee for the Purpose of carrying the same into Execution. In Case either of those Events should happen we request your Excellency to transmit a Copy of the Act to Mess^{rs} Russell, Grove and Hanbury, Trustees appointed by the old Government and desire their immediate Answer whether they will transact the Business, sell out the Stock, accept and pay the Bills drawn in Pursuance of the Act If they will execute the Trust, we would have them directed to sell out the Stock immediately and place the Money in the Hands of some capital Banker in Amsterdam or Paris, subject to their Draughts in Case Bills should be drawn on them. If the Trustees decline acting, we desire you would send the Trustee appointed by your Excellency, a Copy of the Act with similar Directions to those above. As the Proceedings of the General Assembly of this State; relative to British Property, may reach your Excellency as soon as this Letter, we think it necessary that you should be precisely informed on this Subject to prevent Misrepresentation and to obviate any Difficulties that may occur in the Transaction of this Business.

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The House of Delegates, during their last Sessions, proposed a Bill for the Seizure and Confiscation of all British Property, to the Use of the State, except Debts due from the Inhabitants of this State to the Subjects of the King of Great Britain; this Bill was rejected by the Senate, not because they were against the Exception, but because they deemed a Seizure and Confiscation of British Property, at this Time improper, so that British Property here, continues in the State it ever was We have only to request so much of your Excellency's Attention to this Business that the Design of the Act may not be frustrated for want of a proper Person to execute it

Wednesday 5th January 1780.

Present as on Yesterday—

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Jun^r cl. to the Governor and Council seven hundred and Eighty three Pounds, six shillings and Eight Pence the balance of 2 Months Salary to the 1st Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Eight hundred and thirty three Pounds, six shillings and Eight Pence due him for 2 months Salary as Ass^t cl. to the Governor and Council to the 1st Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Messenger to the Governor and Council, Three hundred and fifty Eight Pounds,

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