

[Wm McLaughlin to The Governor and Council.]

March 2

I have been Inform'd by a Gentleman Just come from Annapolis that my bond as Collector of Baltimore Town; is put in suit. Your Excellency may remember that I had your Particular orders not to Collect any Taxes from The Frenchmen which I stood Charge with, and which is the only thing unsettled of my Acc<sup>t</sup>

When I went last to Annapolis to make a final Settlement with the Treasurer I then told your excellency I had money enough with me to settle the whole, And requested your Excellency's further orders respecting the Frenchmen; I was told that there was no doubt of their getting relieved by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Assembly and that I might be under no Apprehension from the Consequences that might result to me, from my Leaving my Acc<sup>t</sup> enclosed.

I suppose my Bond's being put in suit must be owing to the Treasurers Ignorance of the above Affair and that his orders were General, However Your excellency has it still in Your power to stop the proceedings Against me, as I intirely Acted Agreeable to your Excellencys orders. I most Humbly Intreat Your Further Instruction in the matter and whether I am to Collect the Frenchmen's Acc<sup>ts</sup> or not

[S. Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to His Excellency,  
Governor Lee.]

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By the Act of Congress herewith, enclosed your Excellency will be informed, that the Articles of Confederation & perpetual Union between the thirteen United States are formally & finally ratified by all the states.

We are happy to congratulate our Constituents on this important Event, desired by our Friends but dreaded by our Enemies.

[John Voorhees, George Town, to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth]

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I received your fav<sup>r</sup> of yesterday, and I am really unhappy that I can do so little on the present emergent occasion, ten Barrels Beef and pork is all I have collected, and a very gloomy prospect, being destitute of the needfull to purchase with, no collections being yet made, and in a season of the year, that does not afford any considerable quantity of provision, a few beaves on the hoof will be collect in Taxes and what I can purchase on the Credit of the State, shall be sent forward as soon as a Sufficient number can be collected—the provision shall be sent by McLelland who will set of in a day or two. Your letter to the Commissioners, I handed to M<sup>r</sup> James Pearce, who is one of the Board.

[Bowly and Stewart, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

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The Bearer Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Johnson is a principal Owner of a new Brigantine at this Post of something upwards of an hundred Tons