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an Affair which must rest with yourself. You are required to take Bond with Security, if you are disposed to dispense with the Law, and take a verbal Assumption the only Consequence will be, that you will be Answerable out of your Own Pocket in Case of failure. Naval Officers as well as other Public Officers frequently grant Indulgencies: but then they are always at the Peril of the Officer. To act safely and without Hazard we should make the Law the Rule of our Conduct, and never Assume a Discretionary Power to depart from it.

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The Jurisdiction of a Consul is very limited where there is no Treaty to ascertain it's Extent: We knew of no such Character as the Consuls Chancellor And we are sure if such Character exists in the Powers given by France to the Consul he cannot be answerable to our Authority or Courts in that Character. But why can't the Consul enter into Bond with the Masters of the French Ships and become their Security as the Law directs? He may execute such Bond as a private Individual tho' not in his Political Character as Consul, and thus all Difficulties will at once be removed. You only are to Judge of the Sufficiency of the Security; and if the Sureties offered are Competent in their Circumstances, it is all the Law requires of you. With great respect &<sup>ca</sup>

Ibid. [W<sup>m</sup> Paca in Council to The Honble Robert Morris Esq<sup>r</sup>]

We have the Honor to enclose a late Resolve of the General Assembly, confirming your Appointment of M<sup>r</sup> Nourse Commissioner to settle the Accounts between this State and the United States.—

With great respect &<sup>ca</sup>

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1783.

Present the Honorable

Benj<sup>a</sup> Stoddert, Gabriel Duvall, Jeremiah T. Chase, James Brice and John H Stone Esquires.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel of S<sup>t</sup> Thomas Jenifer Esq<sup>r</sup> Two thousand, five hundred and thirteen pounds of Tobacco for the like Quantity lent the State in 1780 per Account passed.—

That the said Treasurer issue a Certificate to Samuel Davidson agreeably to the "Act proposing to the Citizens of this State, Creditors of Congress &<sup>ca</sup>" for five hundred and forty one pounds and six pence due him on Continental Loan Office Certificates adjusted by the Dep<sup>y</sup> Aud<sup>r</sup> the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant

That the said Treasurer pay to Jeremiah T. Chase Esq<sup>r</sup> Twenty pounds, twelve shillings and seven pence Current Money for One Years Interest on four Certificates issued agreeably to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State."—