

In Council Annapolis 10<sup>th</sup> May 1700

Sir. As you inform us that you have Money in your Hands sufficient to procure the Plank and to have it conveyed to a proper Place, we request you to have this done immediately. As we do not know where you intend to make the Purchase and are not sufficiently acquainted with the Landings on the Eastern Shore we must leave it to your own Judgment whether it would not be best to have the Plank conveyed to Baltimore where the Vessel in that Case might take in all her Loading if a Blay is obtained, or if not, it might be readily sold for at least Cost and Charges. We are &c.

Capt. John Swan.

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200. Sir. We have just received yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst. and on making an Enquiry into the state of the Treasury, are concerned to find it is not in our Power at present to pay the whole of Mr. Neeparts Order in your Favor. We yesterday paid Mr. Neeparts Order ~~at~~ at Sight for £2000 and have given an Order for five thousand to Mr. Blake in Part of the Order for thirty thousand Pounds and the Remainder will be paid as soon as possible. We have to lament your Disappointment and to assure you it is founded in the exhausted State of the Treasury only and not in a Want of Inclination in us. We are &c.

Jonathan Audson Esq.

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200. Sir. The Distress of the State for Money has been so very great, that the General Assembly, to supply the Officers, to enable them to bear their Expenses on their March to the Southward, have been constrained to solicit a Loan of £200,000 from the Inhabitants of Baltimore Town. We are not so sanguine as to expect this Requisition will be fully complied with and therefore have sent this Express for all the Money you can spare, to make up the Deficiency of the £200,000 and to answer the ordinary Demands on the Treasury. As this Money is to be paid in three Weeks, we have wrote to the Collectors of the several Counties to make Payment of the five Pound Tax as soon as possible, and hope you will use every Method to induce them to bring in the Money without Delay and for that Purpose request you to forward the Letters herewith sent.

Henry Dickinson Esq.  
Treasurer of the P. Shore

We are &c.