

Incouncil Annapolis 20th Sept. 1700

Sir We received yours of the 15th Inst. and send by your Brother £500 new Bills. We do not know on what you have founded your Opinion that the Commissioners will not allow the Collector to receive this Money for Taxes, or that they have any Power to direct what Money shall or shall not be received. The Law for sinking our Proportion of the Continental Bills of Credit, makes the new Bills a Tender for Taxes at 40 for 1, and the State Money, we apprehend, is to be received under the same Regulation. This will be, in our Opinion, agreeable to the Intention of the General Assembly, & the Treasurer, if there should be any Doubt with him, will have our Directions to receive it at that Rate. No Certificates should be given obligatory on the State to discharge them in Continental Bills of Credit. We enclose three Certificates amounting to 3500[£], having given an Order in your Favour for that Sum, to Mr. Athanasius Ford

We are &c

Joseph Ford Esq.

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Sir We have purchased of Mr. Ridley, nine Hogsheds of Rum and one thousand Pounds of Coffee, which we request you to receive and have stored, until further Directions from us. We also request you to receive 2000 Gallons of Saff., purchased of the same Gentleman.

We are &c

Mr. Tho. Donnellan.

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Sir Since writing you this Morning we have purchased a Quantity of Coffee, which is to be delivered to Mr. Thomas Donnellan, on whom you are to call for the Quantity ordered to be purchased and delivered to Capt. Beyer

We are &c

Capt. Geo. Sheports

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Sir We informed you yesterday of a Purchase of Goods we had made of Mr. Ridley, which were to be delivered to you. We request you to have them all sent down by the most convenient Opportunity, to this Place, except one Hogshed of Rum & 12 1/2^{co} Coffee, to be delivered to Capt. Sheports, together with the State sent from Frederick