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Circular,

Philadelphia March 23. 1781

Sir,

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Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed, two Acts of Congress of the 16th & 23d Instant, directing that all Debts liquidated in or contracted for Spanish Value shall be paid in Spanish or other Money equivalent according to the current Exchange compared with Spanish ~~Also recommending to the several States to amend~~ their Laws making the Bills of Credit emitted under the Authority of Congress a legal Tender in any other Manner than at their current Value compared with Gold & Silver

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

But what will more particularly claim the Attention of your Legislature as of great Importance, is, the Requisition for six Millions of Dollars, that is, one Million & an half of Dollars to be paid Quarterly, the first quarterly Payment to be made on the first Day of June next, the Quota of each State being apportioned in the enclosed Act, and Payment to be made on this Requisition as also the several others therein referred to in Gold or Silver, or Bills emitted by any of the States whatever in Pursuance of the Resolutions of the 18th of March 1780

This Assessment is not to be considered as the Proportion of any State, but being paid is to be adjusted & settled with Interest in Future upon equitable Principles in the Manner expressed in the Act

It is with Reluctance that Congress are

His Excellency
Governor Lee