

Whereas, the marquis de la Fayette, out of his great zeal to the cause of liberty, in which the United States are engaged, has left his family and connexions, and, at his own expence, come over to offer his service to the United States, without pension or particular allowance, and is anxious to risque his life in our cause:

¹ A letter from the Council of Pennsylvania, July 31, asking for a grant of one hundred thousand dollars, is in the *Papers of the Continental Congress*, No. 69, I, folio 379.

² This paragraph was reported by the Board of War July 28, present, John Adams, Samuel Adams, William Duer, and James Wilson. A second paragraph read:

“That it be recommended to the Executive Power of the State of Pennsylvania to be careful in discovering and preventing any Plotts or Conspiracies in their State, if any such there be; and that they cause all Crown Officers and other suspected Persons, and more especially those in the City of Philadelphia and its vicinity, to be put under oath or Parole, or secured if Occasion require.” See a paragraph printed under this day, p. 591 *ante*.

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Resolved, That his service be accepted, and that, in consideration of his zeal, illustrious family and connexions, he have the rank and commission of major general in the army of the United States.