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Annapolis August the 11th 1775

Gentlemen,

We are jointly with M^r William Russell and M^r Daniel Bowly of Baltimore Town Owners of the Brig Nancy, Capt. Lund; Sometime in the month of May last we chartered this Brig to Mess^{rs} Wallace Davidson & Johnson to load with Tobacco in Potowmack, for London. She is now loaded and ready to clear out on her intended voyage; but she having lain longer by a considerable time than was expected, in collecting her cargo, and the season having been remarkably dry the worms have injured her bottom to such a degree as to render her unfit to proceed to Sea: and before she can do so her Cargo must be relanded and her bottom sheathed. Work of this kind cannot be done where she lays. We must have her up to Baltimore. Under these circumstances, the work being tedious, we are apprehensive the Vessel cannot be finished previous to the 10th of September. It is our wish to make Rules formed for the benefit of the Community, our line of Conduct, nor would we, we assure you Gentlemen, under any specious pretences, endeavour to infringe them. Our situation is a very peculiar one. We beg you will take it into consideration, and allow us, if not in our power to do it before to reload the above Cargo after the 10th of September. The Vessel & cargo shall be cleared out before. To obviate every suspicion that may arise of intentions to counteract the general Resolves, we desire to be sworn as to the fitness, and condition of the Vessel to take in her Cargo at the time of her going from Baltimore to Potowmack.

We know the arduous business in which you are now engaged Gentlemen must take up much of your attention; We are sorry to be an interruption to it, but hope our situation will be a sufficient apology, as well as farther excuse us, in desiring your speedy directions in this business. The condition of the Vessel being such as to render some immediate Steps necessary to be taken with her.

We are with respect, Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants
Will^m Lux, Matt^w Ridley.

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Rules and Articles, for the better Government of the Troops raised, or to be raised, and kept in pay, by and at the joint expence, of the Twelve United English Colonies of North America.

In General Congress of the United Colonies, held at Philadelphia, on the 10th day of May 1775