

c. c. exists, nor continue her a trading Vessel in her present State at an almost certain Loss to the Public; wherefore it is our Desire her Hands may be discharged and we decline the Purchase of Tobacco with a View of loading her.

We have given an Order for the two thousand Pounds as you request. And are Sir &c^a

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

P. S. The Arms you mention to have been delivered you by Cap^t Martin belonging to this State, you'll please to send down by the first Opportunity.

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[Council to J. Martin.]

In Council Annapolis, 6th Ap^l 1777.

Sir

We received your Letter of the 4th Ins^t and several Papers, which we shall communicate to the General Assembly; we think it imprudent either to lengthen the Brig or to incur the Expence of the Repairs you mention, on a Vessel of her Burthen, without the Advice of the Assembly, and therefore desire the Hands may be discharged as soon as may be. The Freight ought, according to our Orders and the Course of Business, to have been paid on the Delivery of the Goods, it was low enough and you must consider yourself accountable.

To Cap^t John Martin.

We are &c^a

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[Council to J. Dashiell and others.]

In Council Annapolis 6th Ap^l 1777.Gen^t

The General Assembly have been pleased to refer your Letter of the 2^d Inst. to the Governor and Council to take such Order therein as they think proper. We are sorry that so many have neglected to avail themselves of the Benefit of the Proclamation Those who have been guilty of the Offences therein described and are already or may hereafter be taken, we would have sent to us as soon as conveniently may be with the Depositions against them, of if they are mentioned in any of those already given in by Gen^l Smallwood, with a Reference to such. We have given an Order on the Treasurer of your Shore in favour of Mr James Bennett, the Bearer of this and your Letter for £1000 to be delivered to you on Account to defray the Expences of the Men &c^a This Business will be very expensive to the State, and we hope, by your good Management, it will be made as little so as possible. John Bennett & Stanton Atkins were sent hither