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As the measures we have recommended to the State by whose Appointment we met will depend for their Efficacy upon the Concurrence of the other States we conceive it our Duty to Communicate them Immediately in order that if they should be deemed Eligible they might with the greater dispatch be carried into Effect

I remain with the most Sincere Wishes for the Success of our Common Cause and the Peace & Prosperity of our Sister States

November 25 [Jere. Banning, Na. Officer 7 Dist., Talbot County, to Gov. Lee.]

May it please y<sup>r</sup> Excellency When the Naval officers were commissioned it was said that M<sup>r</sup> Adam Muir as well as myself were appointed to the 7<sup>th</sup> district of this I acquainted the late Governor, who was pleased to honor me with the following answer

“Inclosed you have the resolution of the Assembly which erected & describes the districts your commission is right & we returned it; the minutes we have of M<sup>r</sup> Muirs is of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> also but as it may have been filled up wrong we shall send him another.”

My reason for troubling your Excellency on this subject is to inquire if another commission hath been sent to M<sup>r</sup> Muir, for he still continues so to do the Naval office business for vessels lying in Choptank. I do suppose from the Gentlemans living at Cambridge on Choptank, thinks that he is the proper officer of the Port, the reason for my supposition is, that the word Port (instead of District) in the 16 chap. June Session 1780 section 5<sup>th</sup> lead to the error, but the latter part of the same section in respect to permits, sets the matter I think in as clear a light as possible. you'll also please to observe what the Law says in the same chap. Section 6 & 12 as also in chap. 8 Sec. 11 of the same Session in respect to duties on exports & imports to be received by the several Na. officers in the respective districts & in the last mentioned chapter Sec. 12 the Law seems to be plain & pointed.

I apprehend unless M<sup>r</sup> Muir hath still the commission for the 7<sup>th</sup> District that their entry with him are illegal and that the vessels are now subject to seizure.

I wish Sir, for y<sup>r</sup> opinion in this affair, if I am wrong in my conjectures should be glad of your advice to set me right. If it appears that the mistake hath been rectified in M<sup>r</sup> Muirs commission, a little of your advice to him might probably prevent disagreeable consequences to vessels

November 25 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency the Governor in Council.]

Gentlemen Your favours of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> I am Honour'd with; had that of the 14<sup>th</sup> came in time, should not have wrote you regarding the Horses as I looked on it the only possible way of making any thing of them to sell them and for that purpose took the