

in Somerset and Worcester Counties, Copies of which we c. s. c.
beg leave to lay before you for your further Information.

John Hancock Esq^r

We are, &c.

[Council to Chase.]

No. 152.

Sir.

Feby 8th 1777

We have ordered Capt Cook to give every assistance that the Congress or Marine Committee may require, and also ordered the Schooner Dolphin now at Annapolis a row Galley and an armed vessel at M^r Stewards yard to be immediately got ready and expect them at Annapolis on Tuesday. You may speak to Cap^t Walker for assistance, but we fear his galley cannot be got ready in time but he may spare some men. Enclosed you have a copy of a report from the conferees from the Senate & Assembly which will shew what they deem the force to be that is ordered by the Hon^{ble} Congress & Council of Safety to quell the Insurgents in Somerset and Worcester Counties

Samuel Chase Esq.

[Council to Morris.]

No. 152.

Sir

February 8th 1777

An unhappy affair has lately happened in Martinico by the imprudence of Captain Patterson in a small Privateer from this State, he contrary to Law of Nations having taken an English Vessel under a Flag of Truce within a small distance of that Island to make satisfaction for which outrage the continental and our agent there have been obliged to give their Bond for the payment of the vessel and Cargo so seized, within three months from the date thereof.

We therefore desire yo^{ll} remit to those agents the sum of fifteen hundred pounds continental currency if in your power or take other necessary steps to enable them to pay that sum within the time limited and charge the same to the account of this State.

We are, &c.

Robert Morris Esq.

[Council to Harrison.]

No. 153.

Sir.

Feb. 8th 1777.

Your Fav^r of the 8th Dec. came to our hands and we are very sorry to be informed thereby of the extreme Indiscretion of Capt. Pattison who is now under an arrest to be examined by the proper powers of the State, the result of which will be