

Jesse Gray made return of his Company of Militia, consisting of eight non commissioned officers and fifty privates by which return it appears that the said Jesse Gray is duly elected as Captain, Jesse Davis as first Lieutenant, James King as second Lieut and Elihu Hazzard as Ensign of said Company. c. s. c.

Signed p order, R. Dennis Clk.

[Jenifer and Hooe to Council.]

Port Tobacco March 7th 1776.

Gentlemen. Captain Conway arrived opposite the mouth of Port Tobacco Creek about 2 oclock this morning & it being calm & an ebb tide he came here for orders about eight oClock. I sent him on board again immediately to proceed up the eastern branch of this river till his vessel was fast on ground & then to deliver the powder to the Committee of Bladensburgh if I am not there without loss of time. The letter from M^r Harrison would have sent by express instantly, but Col^o Ware informs me he is pushing for Annapolis & I concluded it would be as soon at hand by him. M^r Harrison writes me that M^r Wicoff of Martinicoe has consigned some medicine to Jenifer & Hooe for sale, I have not rec^d any directions from him about them, nor even an invoice, it seems his brothers at Philadelphia are to furnish directions about them, & if I find there are such as the province will want, shall delay the sale till I advise you thereof. I imagine Conway will be at Bladensburgh by this evening & some time to morrow I shall be there to receive your orders respecting the further destination of the vessel & the disposal of the powder. There came with Cap^t Conway a French Cap^t & 6 sailors by which means after he clears our coast, going out, the E. Men of War cannot sieze him, as he will shew F. Colours, F. papers & a french crew. I scarcely had time to ask either of the Cap^{ts} any questions, thinking it unsafe to let the vessel lye here a moment, but if I find the frenchman tollerably intelligent I will bring him up from Bladensburgh to Annapolis, As M^r Harrison seems to think he may be a servicable man, if encouraged. Scott it seems is seized, but M^r Harrison has hopes of getting the vessel & cargo again, under some little disadvantages. Cap^t Conway says there is a great many troops in Martinico, the Frigates & Tenders are watching every Island, he fell in with one but gave her the slip in the night.

I am Gen^t with the greatest respect.
y^r most ob^t Serv^{ts} Jenifer & Hooe.