

We almost despair of supplying you with the large quantities of Woolens and salt that you want. they are scarce and command ready cash, but we shall do our best.

As vessels with you are difficult to procure and markets here very low, we fear you cannot easily remit us money sufficient for the extensive we have and are to enter into, we would therefore beg leave to propose a method which we think may be employed with more success and facility than any other at present. It is, if possible, to get a boat or two out from S. Carolina with Indigo. One pilot boat ballasted with that article would yield more money here than any three or four Brigs with flour and tobacco. It is constantly worth from 6/ a 12/ p<sup>r</sup> lb according to quality, and is the only article of our exports that can be shipped from hence to France; and the risk of getting it here will be trifling as it may be sent in such small fast sailing vessels.

A part of Cap<sup>t</sup> Martins' tobacco has been sold in Statia at 42/ p<sup>r</sup> cwt and yesterday we shipped the remainder for that place.

We hope to dispatch Conway in 8 or 10 days with some woolens, muskets duck &<sup>c</sup> and are &<sup>c</sup>

Your most obt. Hble. Servts.  
Van Bibber & Harrison

c. s. j.

The Proceedings of the Council of Safety.

Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> 1776

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday except M<sup>r</sup> Carroll.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to William Nevin & Comp<sup>y</sup> twenty two Pounds, eleven shillings and seven Pence, half Penny, for Am<sup>t</sup> Acc<sup>t</sup>

Whereas Information hath been lodged before this Board by M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Bowes, that a certain John Francis Taney of S<sup>t</sup> Mary's County had detained in his possession three pieces of Sprig Lawn, the property of this state, and hath refused to deliver the same to the persons appointed by this Board to dispose thereof: These are therefore to charge and require the said Taney to deliver the said three pieces of Lawn, to M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Bowes, or his order, or in case of refusal to appear before this Board on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of November, to shew sufficient cause, if any he hath, for the Detention thereof.

Ordered That D<sup>r</sup> Brehon of Saint Mary's County deliver to Timothy Bowes, all the Books of Physic, or of any other kind in his Possession, taken on board of any of the Captures at