

an interest in the Expedition in proportion to the amount of c. s. c. the Powder, and we are in hopes of getting 14 or 1500<sup>l</sup> for you if a ship arrives that was purchased and loaded with rice in part of the rations. At any rate we expect to save the Capital, and you'll please to make a blank charge of it against us untill the voyage is settled. Tobacco is rising fast in St. Eustatia where several ships are loading with it for Holland, and begins to sell well here. But Flour and corn are very low, and will keep down till towards the Spring. Such a cargoe as Capt. Conway brought us last will generally answer best, especially if the Quantity of the Tobacco was to be more large, black and thin. We hope soon to be advised of the arrival of Martin and Conway, and are very sincerely

Sirs

Your most ob<sup>t</sup> Servants,  
Van Bibber & Harrison

St. Pierre, Martinique Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1776. Received of Van Bibber and Harrison seventy two pounds Eighteen shillings and three pence, this Currency for the use of the Schooner Dolphin, belonging to the State of Maryland. This being one of Three Receipts for the same. William Patterson.

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[Chase to Council.]

Original.

Philadelphia Nov. 23<sup>d</sup> 1776.  
Saturday.

Gentlemen.

Since I wrote you on yesterday I saw a letter from General Mifflin from Elizabeth Town dated the 21<sup>st</sup> Inst. in which he writes, that the Enemy crossed the North River below Dobbes ferry in 400 Boats, and stole a march to Fort Lee, which the Garrison evacuated leaving all their artillery, cannon, stores, provisions and their Baggage. We have not heard from the Army since the general Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup>. The alarm of a Fleet sailing from New York, with Troops is without any foundation. about 150 Transports and store ships sailed under convoy of Commodore Shuldham in the Bristol, and two frigates, and one supposed to be bound to Ireland for provisions. This Information comes from General Mercer. On yesterday I procured a state of our Treasury, as a few days ago.

	Dollars
Emitted	20.000.000
Expended.	16.817.737
In Treasury	3.182.263.

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