

c. s. c. weaken the civil authority. as you have thought proper to replevy the Brig we propose giving you security in the regular course, and shall indemnify the Sheriff on behalf of the State.

You petitioned the Convention and the matter was postponed at your own request, as we have been informed—had you chose to have let the dispute rest for their determination, we think they would done you justice.

Nov^r 27th 1776
Captⁿ William Stone

No. 27.

[Council to Vanbibber and Harrison.]

Gentⁿ Since our last letter of the 25th ult^o we have received your favors of the 7th 8th & 10th ult^o, containing Invoices, and Bills of Lading for sundries shiped by the Friendship and James which are arrived safe. We refer you to our letter of 12th Sep^r for such articles as our State most want, a copy of it you have inclosed.

We are sorry that Tob^o has fallen at Martinique, for in consequence of your former recommendations respecting that article, we purchased 60 Hogsheads Tobacco, and must now be shipped to your address to be sold either in Statia or Martinique as prices best suit. Inclosed you have Invoice and Bill of Lading for [40 Hds. 444 Bll. fine Flour 49 do. superfine 65 Bll. Brandy] shipped on board the Resolution Cap. Carey which we wish safe to a good Market. We are now loading two schoners and a Brigg which we hope may arrive with you soon after Capt. Carey.

The goods we enumerated to you in our letter of the 12th Sept^r we cannot do without; Salt sells by the load at 15/ p Bushel, and in retail as fast as it can be taken from along side of the Vessel at 20/ p Bushel.

Nov^r 27 1776
Messrs. Van Bibber & Harrison

c. s. c.

[Thos. Smyth to Council.]

Chester Town Nov. the 27th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I have not yet received any salt for curing the Beef and Pork you gave me orders to purchase and unless it arrives soon the season will be over before I can begin to purchase any of those articles. there is a good deal of Pork to sell in this Quarter tho' the Owners ask a very high price. You'll please to hurry over the Salt intend for me, unless it arrives soon it will be needless to attempt any purchase here this Fall.