

which we apprehend this Board have Powers sufficient to give c. s. c. countenance to. The printing of the votes and proceedings of last Convention goes on slowly, and we have time to give orders about the Instructions to our Delegates to Congress; they came in towards the latter end of the proceedings; our Board are not determined what to do, they rather incline at present not to interfere; although they are very desirous of doing any thing that might be offered to the common cause, or tend to satisfy the minds of our Friends in Congress.

We doubt our own people would be more alarmed, than they are already, in case the instructions should be suppressed; and perhaps it would be said in the next General Assembly that we contravened the order of Convention in directing the publication of those instructions among the other proceedings. We wish to hear from you on the subject, and in the mean time we will consider what is best to be done, and wait for a full board and until we hear further from you.

Thus far we had wrote before we received the last resolves of Congress, and letters from M<sup>r</sup> Chase and our commissioners by the post, all difficulty about the alternative being removed, we are glad to hear the Commissioners are on their way: may good success attend them. We shall do all we can to get provisions as soon as our salt arrives which we daily expect.

We cannot but observe that our people are very backward in carrying the new government into execution. Ann<sup>l</sup> County has named no Electors to the Senate, nor any Committee of Observation: none of the judges attended, and very few people. The city of Annapolis has not named any Elector, and we expect news of the same kind from other places. What this can be owing to we leave you to judge. the people are uneasy, we are informed, in Charles County. M<sup>r</sup> Stone has wrote the Major. M<sup>rs</sup> Stone is very unwell, so that he cannot attend congress at present. We will forward the acct against the Continent as soon as possible, and endeavour to get orders in Phil<sup>a</sup> to put you in cash.

Nov<sup>r</sup>. 29<sup>th</sup> 1776

The Delegates in Congress.

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Sirs.

I have this Day, I Believe paid all the bills and advanst all the money for both Capt<sup>ns</sup> and hands for the Skooner friendship and the Ninety two, the sums are great inded the all