

c. s. c. Account of the expenditure of the money before sent & entreat you, as soon as possible, to transmit us a full account of the whole. We press this being convinced that you must see the necessity of it. The Council of Safety will soon be dissolved, & it is but right that we should have accounts of all money expended to shew when called upon, for our Justification.

We are &^c

Committee of Harford County.

No. 161.

[Council to Benjamin Johnson.]

February 14th 1777

Sir. You will be pleased to deliver to M^r Ominsetter all the goods you have on board the Liberty belonging to this State the freight of which shall be paid to you or your owners on demand

Capt. Benjamin Johnson

No. 162.

[Council to Vanbibber and Harrison.]

Feb^y 14th

Gen^l. Your favour of the 28th December with your account current we this moment received and are very sorry for the distresses you are under by the considerable advance you are in for our State. But we hope it is considerably reduced ere this by the arrival of the Resolution Cap^t Cary, Schooner 92, Rogers, Schooner Friendship, Gibbons, Brigatine Friendship, Martin, a larger ship or Brig & the sloop Molly are lading with Tobacco & Flour & will be pushed out so soon as there is a chance of passing three men of war that now are in our Bay, but lest this may not soon be the case we are about applying to the General Assembly now setting to empower us to send M^r Crockett to the Carolinas to ship Indigo and other produce to extricate you from all your difficulties. Cap^t Patterson is under arrest for seizing the Flag of 'Truce mentioned in your letter 8th Dec. He denies the charge of taking her under the Guns of the fort & avers that she was nearly over to Dominique and that he informed M^r Harrison of his intention and that he did not object to it. this we give not the least credit to but we think it would be necessary that his M^r Bingham's deposition be taken and transmitted to us as soon as possible, together with the papers of passports & other documents in your power. Mons^r De Vaubrien is appointed a Lieutenant in our mattrasses.

We are &^c

Messrs. Vanbibber & Harrison