

c. s. c. do it, but if bills can be purchased even at the loss of 25 pr ct. we should be glad that you would make the remittance. Pray inform us when you expect it will be in your power to comply with your contract with this State

We are &<sup>c</sup>  
Messrs. Welling & Morris

No. 185.

[Council to W. M<sup>c</sup>Creary.]

Sir.

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1777

Your attendance at the Council Board is desired on Monday next with any papers you may have relative to the goods you shipped from Bordeaux and Rotterdam on account of this State.

M<sup>r</sup> William M<sup>c</sup>Creary.

We are &amp;c.

No. 186.

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.]

Sir.

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1777

You are (with all dispatch) to get the Ship Lidia ready to proceed up Potomack to Nanjemoy to the address of Col. Hooe who has the chief of her cargo ready. He will lodge orders with Col<sup>o</sup> Richard Harrison or Mr. Bayley who live at the Cove & to whom direct Capt Kelty to apply for them unless before he sails you receive from us or M<sup>r</sup> Hooe other directions. You and the Captain will take care to have her fitted & provisioned at Baltimorc Town so that nothing may be wanted for her in Potomack except her cargo. We are &<sup>c</sup>

Mr. Jessee Hollingsworth.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore March 14<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Sirs. I have it in my power to purchase about 80 or 100 hh<sup>d</sup> of tobacco at this place, Inspected and ready for shipping some from Patuxent, some from Potomac, and some from Elk Ridge it is intended for a cargo but I can purchase it for 35<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> hundred I should recommend the taking of this in here as it is ready on the spot and an emty ship ready to receive it with staves on board for stowing it and she must wait a few days for some small riging and the iron, but if the M<sup>r</sup> Snowdens was to take the 50<sup>l</sup> p<sup>r</sup> ton which I have offered them I would balance with Stone as the iron wont bring in france more than 16<sup>l</sup> sterlings pr ton so that there will be a sertain loss on the iron of near half, the new England States have