

Extraordinary Expence of her Outfit and Hands and it seems c. c. as if on Acc<sup>t</sup> of the Cargoe, the Cap<sup>t</sup> was instructed to be cautious. It is obvious that navigating with so many Men, will always swallow up the Profits of her small Cargoes and therefore we think it will not be worth while to send her with 40 Hh<sup>ds</sup> Tobacco. In our present view of Things it would be most prudent to fit her out for a Cruise at once and have wrote the Captain to bespeak the Shrowds, which will be necessary either for trading or cruising, and come up to us. We hope to hear soon that the armed Brig is drove out of the N. Channel. The 20 Blankets will go such a little way towards satisfying the Demand, that we decline sending for them. Cap<sup>t</sup> Kilty does not choose to go in the Lydia some of the Men refuse to go and others of them we fear, are not to be trusted. We are at a Loss for a Captain, if you know of a Man that you think would answer, we should be obliged to you to mention him that we might have the Ship prepared to take Advantage of a favourable Opporuntuy, should any happen, to go out. We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jenifer & Hooe.

[Council to Capt. Conway.]

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In Council Annapolis 6<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

Sir

We learn from M<sup>r</sup> Hooe that your Sloop must have new Shrouds before she goes out again. You will therefore apply to M<sup>r</sup> Lowndes, who we request to furnish you in preference of any, except the Defence, and proceed to Annapolis M<sup>r</sup> Hooe writes that it would be agreeable to you to go on a Cruise, we are inclined to fit you out for that Purpose, as the Freights and small Cargoes do not appear to us to justify the Expence of the Number of Men necessary for an armed Vessel, we will soon determine, on seeing you, whether the Molly is to fight or trade. We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Cap<sup>t</sup> Conway.

Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1777.

C. B.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Muir twenty five pounds, ten shillings for Am<sup>t</sup> of Acc<sup>t</sup>

That the said Treasurer pay to Nich<sup>s</sup> Macubbin one hundred pounds, one shilling and seven pence, for Bal<sup>c</sup> of Acc<sup>t</sup>