are necessary and none more so, in some Cases, than Flies, or c. c. in many, than Peruvian Bark. Since our Connection with England has ceased and our Intercourse with Europe is interrupted and almost cut off by the British Cruisers we must enquire in other Places for such essential Articles as we have not amongst ourselves. I have therefore, ignorant of what may be either suitable or admissible at the Havanna, sent Capt Conway in Hopes of getting a Quantity of Flies and Bark for the use of the Troops; but with Directions not to dispose of any Thing without your Excellency's Permission. I hope the Subjects of his most Catholic Majesty and those of the United States, may be mutually benefitted by a generous and fair Commerce and shall be happy if this Incident should lead to an Acquaintance and Confidence between those in your Department and those over whom I have the Honor to preside. If I request too much in soliciting Leave for Capt Conway to sell his Cargoe and purchase Drugs and a little Salt, I shall be exceedingly obliged by your giving him a Credit with some of your Merchants for about two thousand Pounds of Bark and one hundred Pounds of Flies, and shall be careful to cause a just Remittance to be made

I am Sir with great Truth & Respect Y'r Excys most obed't Serv'

Governor of the Havanna.

[Council to Calvert Justices.]

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In Council 8th Augt 1777.

Gent

The inclosed Deposition & Letter from Col^o Gist we have just received, and, as the Violence complained of appears to be great and the Consequences may be very injurious to the Public Peace & Welfare, we have transmitted these Papers to your Worships, that the proper Steps may be taken to ascertain the Truth of the Fact and a legal mode of Proceeding had against the Persons accused. We are Gen^t & ca

The Justices of Calvert County.

[Council to T. Jones.]

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In Council 8th Augt 1777.

Sir.

We have resolved to appoint M^r William Hayward, M^r Levin Gale and yourself Judges of the General Court and have wrote to M^r Hayward & M^r Gale to know whether they will Act. We shall be very glad if you can make it conve-