

January 19 [Jas Govane to Thom^s C. Dye Esq^r now at Annapolis.]

With the greatest Impatience I have been waiting since the meeting of y^r Hon^l House for Orders concerning the State Horses under my care. Being promised by the council to hear from them soon after y^r meeting about the Middle of Decem^r I was informed Capt. Cockey had orders to send his to Annapolis I immediately sent to Balt^o in hopes of Orders for those in my care but could find none. The Credit of the State to y^r knowledge (being Exhausted) I could by no means procure Hay for them. I have found them in Corn & Straw since Oct^o You will D^r Sir confer an obligation on me by An Answer on the Return of Peter. some of them are much reduced, and think had better be sold at Public Sale as numbers of people are Dayly Applying for them.

I hope ere this the confiscation Bill has passed

January 19 [David Weems, to Charles Wallace, Annapolis]

I understand the State Intends purchasing Vessells for the Defence of the Bay. I have a Brig at Baltimore that will Carry 16 Guns. I will Deliver her in good order and will Sell her Cheaper then they Can purchase or Build. I will Take Tob^o in payment and will Indulge them Jointly in the Payment, Shall Take it a great favor if you will mention her to the Gov^r & Councell I want to hear from you about my Large Schooner. Am Getting her Ready to Launch as soon as possible

January 20 [Chas Thomson, Secy, Secretary's Office of Congress, to
Red Book T. Johnson Esq. Secy of the Council.]
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Yesterday a letter under your signature directed to the Sec^y of the board of Admiralty was put into my hands requesting a supply of Commissions &c for armed vessels; from which it appears that you have not yet been made acquainted with the alteration which Congress by their act of the 27 July last have been pleased to make as to the mode of issuing such commissions in future

In a letter which I had the honor of writing to his Excellency the Governor of your State on the 28th July last I enclosed the Act of Congress above mentioned together with 15 blank commissions and informed him that it was the intention of Congress that all commissions & instructions in force on the 2nd of May last should be cancelled as soon as possible and the new ones Substituted in place thereof. I have not yet been favored with an answer to my letter and as you seem to be ignorant of its contents take the liberty of enclosing a copy thereof also forty blank commissions &c for armed vessels. You will please to return the bonds when executed when more are wanted for your State they shall on the first notice be forwarded.