

lay these Papers before that Honorable Body, that they may be ordered of the said
N. 99. may take such Measures as they may judge adequate to the Occasion.
Pres. of Congress.

In Council Annapolis 6th June 1777.

100. Gent. We are glad to hear of Conway's Arrival, though we are apprehensive that he will not make Amends for the extraordinary Expence of her Outfit and Hands and it being as if an Act of the Cargo, the Capt. was instructed to be cautious. It is obvious that trading with so many Men, will always swallow up the Profits of her small Cargo, and therefore we think it will not be worth while to send her with 20 M^{rs} 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 Shrouds, which will be necessary either for trading or cruising, and come up to us. We hope to hear soon that the armed Brig is drawn out of the N. Channel. The 20 Blankets will go such a little Way towards satisfying the Demand, that we decline sending for them. Capt. Hilly 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 Opportunity, should any happen, to go out. We are &c.
Mess^{rs} Jenifer & Hooe.

In Council Annapolis 6th June 1777.

101. Sir. We learn from M^r Hooe that your Sloop must have new Shrouds before she goes out again. You will therefore apply to M^r Sawndes, who we request to furnish you in preference of any, except the Defence, and proceed to Annapolis. M^r 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 Matter is to fight or trade. We are &c.
Capt. Conway. }

In Council Annapolis 10th June 1777.

102. M^r Isaac M^r Herd (You will proceed to Virginia and, if necessary, from thence to the Tan Yards on the Borders of Carolina and endeavour to purchase for the Public one, two, three, 4, 5, or 6000 W^t of Leather, according as you may esteem it a good Bargain or otherwise. If you have an Opportunity, we would have you also to purchase some of Salt, if you can so agree, to be delivered here or rather at Baltimore Town. You should make the best Bargain you can, but rather than miss it, we would give 3 Dollars a hundred for it delivered at either of those Places, if two or more Vessels, one to one Place than another, would suit best. If there are no Vessels with Salt, and you can purchase any that you can, we will remit, or pay your Bills here, you may go as far as 3 Dollars; here, if you can, to send it forward, if not, we'll send for it. Write us every Opportunity.
M^r Isaac M^r Herd. }