

N. 119. It is desirable that some explanatory Resolutions might be passed that the *Molly* may have their Accounts fully settled.

28th June 1747

In Council Amapolis 28th June 1747

120. Sir. We thought it best to send the *Molly* on a Cruise and thought, from the Opinion several Gentlemen of the Assembly expressed, we should have been at Liberty to do so, but the Assembly think she may be much more advantageously employed in a Voyage to import Salt and Medicines. We have therefore to request of you to procure her a Load of Tobacco as speedily as you can. We would yet have her armed and not so deep but that she may avail herself of her fast Sailing, for she is a favourite Vessel and we wish her by no Means, to fall into the Enemies Hands. We intend to send Capt. Conway Orders, by the Time he is ready to Sail

We are &c

Col. Hoac

In Council Amapolis 28th June 1747

121. Sir. We were in Hopes that the General Assembly would have approved our Design of fitting out the *Molly* merely as a Cruiser, but they thinking she would be much more advantageously employed in a Voyage to import Salt and Medicines, which are much wanted, we are obliged to abandon the Scheme and have wrote Mr. Hoac to purchase and put on Board, as soon as he can, a Load of Tobacco, the only Produce that we imagine will in any Degree indemnify the Expence. We hope you will be soon ready and intend sending your Orders in Time before you Sail

We are &c

Capt. Conway

In Council 2^d July 1747

122. Sir. We find ourselves unable to fill up the Vacancies in your Regiment with Satisfaction to ourselves. From the Conversations we have had with you from your Letters, and from Mr. Edmondson's Discourse, we have good Reason to think several of your Officers have been remiss in their Duty and are indeed not qualified in any tolerable Degree. We are empowered by Congress, to remove any Officers who are not attentive to their Duty, and are willing to do so. We therefore, as soon as it is convenient, wish to see you and are determined to make any such Arrangement of your Regiment as you may recommend and we judge proper; a personal Conversation with you, your advice will be necessary. By the Resolutions of Congress, no Gent. in the Army draw Pay for acting in two Capacities, which occasioned our former Remarks. We inclose you an Appointment of Mr. Draine and a Power to Col. Harrison to take your Battalion, as soon as you think proper, to Salisbury or the Neighbourhood of it, as you may judge best and keep the whole of it together or divide it as you see occasion. The View of keeping your Regiment in the State we are acquainted, to be in a Situation to prevent an