

In Council Annapolis 19th Feb^r 1778

Sir

91. If your Galley is ready, we request you to bring her down with all Dispatch
if she is not, we would have her finished with the greatest Dispatch
as her immediate Service is required

Capt^t Matthews.

We are &c

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92. We had an Account of the Capture of the Lydia and supposed you
had fallen into the Hands of the Enemy. We shall be glad to see you up
as you propose. There can be no Justice or Honour for the Claim of the
Sailors to the things found; those we would have sent to us by Capt
David or, if he cannot bring them, have secured. We do not know what
Contracts you made with the Seamen, from what passed, we expected
you would be obliged to give River Pay; if so, we think them entitled to
their Wages as if they had not contracted, they will be entitled for the
Time they were in our Service, wherefore we would have you, unless
they contracted for the Voyage and had their Advances and were not
by Contract, excluded from River Pay, to settle their Accounts and pay
up to the Time of the Capture.

Capt^t Ignatius Fenwick.

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93. We have sent by Mr Gibson's Boat, 30 Bushels of Salt to be delivered at
Mr Baker's; he was here and promised to forward it to you. You will be
pleased to return the Bags to Mr Baker and he'll send them back to
us with some he has of ours. We had no Expectation of the Longres relying
in any considerable Degree, on this State, for a Supply of Provisions &
therefore thought we might have procured the Quantity we wanted
in the most convenient Situations, which occasioned our not requesting
Purchasers to be made so early as we otherwise should have done, but
since Christmas, we have been desired to give what Assistance we could to
the Continental Purchasers, and left them all the Room we could,
without rivalling them. It is yet almost indifferent to us whether
the Park is bought for the Longres or this State and would, by no
Means raise the Price above £5. We send you £500 to lay out for
us. Be so obliging as to procure Barrells. Buy what you can
without obstructing the Continental Purchasers and, if you
have an Opportunity, engage for any Quantity beyond what this
Money will buy, it will be wanted for the State or Continent
You mentioned, when in Town, your Inclination to buy the
Dolphin, but the Assembly did not leave us any Paper to sell
either of the Boats

Nathanl. Patter Esq^r

We are &c