

In Council 5th Aug: 1770.

205. Sir. We have no Inclination to sell the Defence with the Articles desired with
her, for the £9000 offered, but shall rather dispose of her otherwise. We
therefore request you'll not delay or trouble yourself further on that
Business —

We are &c.

W^m Charles Wallace Howard }
at Baltimore

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206. Sir. We yesterday received a letter from W^m Richard Harrison from
Martinique, advising of his sale of the Sloop Molly belonging to this
State, to W^m Bingham. Knowing that W^m Bingham is Agent for
the Congress and presuming that the Purchase was for the Benefit
of the United States, we inclose you Copies of our Instructions to the
Captain and of our Letters to W^m Harrison, beyond which he had no
Authority. In Justice to this State we cannot confirm the sale
and have wrote a Letter to the Captain, now gone up to Baltimore
in the Sloop, of which we inclose a Copy, not doubting but the
Congress, on being apprized of the Circumstances of this Affair,
will immediately order the Vessel, if purchased for them, to be
delivered to our Order. We request the Favor of you Sir to lay
this Matter before the Congress and to acquaint us with their
Determination.

We are &c.

Presid^t of Congress.

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207. Gent. We inclose you a Letter to the President, left open for your
Perusal, from which you'll see that W^m Harrison has undertaken
contrary to our Orders to sell the Sloop Molly; she had six four
Pounders; the sale was for 2500 Dollars. We cannot agree to the
Injury or Example. Be pleased to seal the Letter and favor us with
the Resolution of Congress —

We are &c.

Delegates from Maryland }
in Congress —