In Council 5th Augt 1770.

Sir,
The Letter from Mr Harrison, which you delivered to the Council yesterday, has been considered. We have determined not to confirm Mr Harrison's Sale of the Molly and that you, as well as he may be fully informed of the Grounds we have for disagreeing to it; we inclose you Copies of our Letters to Mr Harrison, which contain all the Instructions we ever gave him relative to this Vessel. As we imagine Mr Bingham's Purchase was on account of the Congress, we shall fully state this Matter to the Congress, but desire, in the mean Time that you'll not lay out any Thing on the Vessel or give her out of your Hands without our Orders; the Freight if due from private People, we also desire you'll receive as you deliver the Goods, according to the Custom in Cases of Freight due, and keep the same in your Hands for the Use of this State; if the Goods belong to the Continent, advise us of the Particulars and we shall, we have no Doubt, easily settle the Freight with Congress.

We are &c.

Capt. Danl Deshon.

In Council 6th Augt 1770.

Sir,
We understand there are yet in Dorchester at least 10 or 12 of the Mermaid's Crew, including those who were sick in Worcester and have since been sent forward. It is much to be wished that these People should be exchanged as soon as possible for our own Country-Men and to forward it as much as we can, we request you to send forward to Philadelphia, any British Seamen Sailors or Marines now in your Power under an adequate Guard.

We are &c.

Henry Hooper Esqr.
Lt. of Dorchester County.

Annapolis 6th Augt 1770.

Sir,
Inclosed you'll receive the Notes of the 20 Hhds Tobacco which Mr Dorsey recd of you some Time ago. They being of no Use to the Governor and Council, they have desired me to return them together with their Thanks for your Kindness, they would have been sent some Time ago, but not having a good Opportunity prevented it.

I am &c.

Danl Bowley Esqr.