

N^o 12. To Mr. William Spear. July 14th 1776

Sir We are sorry to hear of the Seizure of the Vessels you mention in yours of the 7th, however we hope the Report about Neth's Schooner may not be true. as we may probably think of giving some further Instructions to your Captain, we shall take it as a Favor, if when he comes down, you will accompany him.

We are &c

N^o 14. To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress. 11th July 1776

Gent^l The Convention in Consequence of the Desire of the Congress had ordered three Companies of four Minute-Men to march to the Assistance of the Counties of Accomack and Northampton in Virginia, two of them are already, as we hear, at their Stations, and you will see by the enclosed, the Reason why the other is prevented from complying with the Order of the Convention - we would, were it in our Power with great Readiness spare the Arms wanted - since the Rising of the Convention till Friday last, we have not heard from the Eastern Shore - the Communication having been cut off by the Troops. We send you the Letters, that you may know the State of the Affair and if