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Captain John Martin

Sir, You must fit out the vessels ready to take up their
with all the expedition in your Power without lengthening of time
for this voyage - your being expeditious in this business, as well as
for your diligence, and care of your Cargo inwards will be
confided by the Council, and a compensation will be made
to you.

We are &c

Nov 5th 1776

No 248

Benjamin Rumsey Esq

Sir your favor of the 31st was this moment received. The commis-
sions you sent Capt. Smith for, were made out long ago, and delivered
to Doct. Fisher - Duplicates we inclosed to your last post, and are
now making out Duplicates for Mr. Smith, who will not trust to your
having received them - Letters from the Convention must have reached
the Commissioners ere this -

Our Convention are still busy about it's

Plan of Government - when it will rise, God knows.

Nov 5th 1776

We are &c

No 249

Mr Jesse Hellingworth

Sir We are well satisfied that Mr Gibbons is worthy the Trust
to which you have recommended him, - Therefore have appointed
him Captain of the Friendship, being confident that you
would not recommend any man, that was not hearty in
the cause of America - Pray push out all the vessels under
your care as fast as possible - the sooner they get out of
the Cape, the less danger from the Enemy, as we wish

(signed)