

Benjamin Harrison Esq^r

Sir,

We are honoured with yours of the 16th instant, and have sent up Capt. Patterson to assist in bringing down the stores from the Head of Elk, he proceeds directly there with a small armed vessel, and thirteen, or fourteen able hands. — We are very desirous Captain Martin should fail immediately, his voyage, we expect, will be of much consequence to the State, and perhaps to the common Cause, we understood he had been several days ready. — The detention of Captain Martin at this season may prove the destruction of his intended voyage — but if you think Martin's men upon all circumstances, ought to go, we give you free liberty to direct them to move forward; — You are better acquainted with the Importance of the stores at the Head of Elk, than we can be. — Some vessels would have gone from hence, had not Mr. Purviance wrote us, that there was no want of vessels, and therefore they were countermanded.

Dec: 17th 1776

We are
Yours

Rob^t. Christie Esq^r

Sir,

We have received your letter by Mr. Moses Galloway, and have no manner of objection to
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