

Part due to this State, and hereby inform you thereof

Dec: 23rd 1776

We are &

Sam^l Chase Esq^r

No. 70.
Sir, We are desirous that Col^o Gist, or any other of the rest, who have commissions in the Continental services, should have the Bounty-money necessary to enlist their men. — We apprehend this would be done by Congress, as a matter of course, without any Application to us. Col^o Gist says, you think otherwise, therefore we have wrote this Line, and request you will forward the delivery of the money to the several Officers for recruiting as speedily as possible. —

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Benj^a Harrison Esq^r (of Congress)

No. 71.
Sir We are greatly embarrassed by your Request to part with Capt^a Martins' vessel, she was purchased by our Agent in the West Indies, and is now claimed by Capt^a Stone who hath refused here, and we have undertaken to indemnify the Sheriff — if we part with her, the State must be indemnified.

Should you want a fast sailing vessel, there is a Brig now at Baltimore taken by the Ship Defences which we ordered our Agent to buy for this State — that vessel you may have, if she will suit Congress, we are

(unwilling)