

unwilling to part with Martin's vessels, she being now
and we expect her cargo of coarse Woollen is ready at
Martinez, or Lushan. — However if the Hon^{ble} Congress
cannot supply them for any other use, we must let them have
the Brig, and Cargo upon the Terms they request, with this
Addition, that the State ought to be indemnified. — We shall
keep Martin a day, or two till we hear from you again. —

Dec^r 26th 1776

We are &c

The Delegates in Congress.

No 72

Gent^l We inclose you Cases stated by Mess^{rs} Milne and
Jenkins, who were taken by the Ship Defiance on their Passage
to Britain, & beg you to take the Opinion of Congress
upon the same, whether they be Prisoners of War, & you
will be pleased to get the Opinion, as soon as convenient,
and transmit it to —

Gent^l Y^{rs} &c

Dec^r 27th 1776

No 73

Wth George Will's

Yours by Mr. Barry we have received, and are glad to hear you have
launched one of the Row Gallies, and that you are pushing the other on, as fast
as possible. — As to the masting we must refer you to Mr. Stephen Howard,
who is now in your Town. — Inclosed is an order on the commissary for Sheet
Lead for the purposes you mention. — Mr. Barry brings the Amount
of the Accounts for the Repairs of the old Vessels, but —

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