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Sir, Considering the state of Maryland to be embarked in the same cause with the South Congress, we readily and cheerfully agree that you should have the small armed Schooners now in your Port, which, we hope, will answer the purposes intended, nothing more will be asked for her Point of Prices, but what she cost the State, we expect not to gain, nor would you wish we are persuaded that the State of Maryland should lose any thing by the vessel. — we let you have her in the public cause to oblige Congress. — be pleased to notify this to the Commander, and desire him to return a Schedule, or Mem: of Guns, and other Effects on board, the prices we will send hereafter. — Thanks to we have none, but we will furnish Mr. Griffin with Cotton to make them, which may be easily done, tis the stuff we are forced to make for our own Hospitals, as also enough to make two for your servant, which may be returned in kind, when convenient. — We are &c

Dec: 30th 1776

Mr. Joseph Hollingsworth.

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Sir, We received two letters from you, one by Mr. A. Stewart the other by Mr. Crockett, — tis very well, that you purchased the Brig, two thirds of her belongs to the State of Maryland, as also two thirds of all the other money the Prizes sold for, and so you may inform the Marshalls, therefore we have sent only 2,000 Pounds Currency for her loading and outfit, we do not expect Congress will want her, as
(They)