

Col. Robt. F. Howe.

Sir,
It gives us concern to hear that Captain Conway's vessel is without a master, and but few hands, we were in expectation of hearing that she was near being laden, and just ready to sail. — however as matters are circumstanced, we must do for the best, & therefore request you would immediately engage Capt. Conway's Brother, as Captain of the vessel, if you think him deserving, and let him gather what hands he can, and have the vessel loaded as soon as possible. —

We are much obliged to you for your offer of doing all you can to forward the vessel — and rely on you accordingly. — we would have you do for the best, as if the vessel was your own.

Jan^y 11th 1777

We are,
Yours,

Brigadier General Cooper.

Sir,
We have heard from several hands some flying Reports of extraordinary Proceedings in the lower Part of your Brigade, particularly that some disaffected Persons in Somerset, and Worcester Counties had talked freely of erecting the King's Standard, and had been collecting themselves into bodies for the Purpose of forming an Opposition to the American Cause. — We request you would write to some, or all of the Colonels of the militia in these

(Counties)