

John Hancock Esq.

Sir We are honored with yours of yesterday since our last we have received some
relative to the Insurrection in Somerset & Worcester Counties Copies of which we beg leave
to forward you for your further Information. We are &c.

February 8. 1777

Samuel Chase Esq.

Sir We have ordered Capt Cook to give away a pittance that the Congress or Marine Comm
may requis. And also ordered the Schooner Dolphin now at Annapolis. a Row Galley and an
Nesbitt at Mr Stewarts yard to be immediately got ready and expect them at Annapolis
Tuesday. You may speak to Captain Walker for a pittance, but we fear his Galley can
be got ready in time, but he may spare some Men. Enclosed you have a copy of
report from the Congress from the Senate & Assembly which will show what we
deem the Force to be that is ordered by the Honble Congress & Council of Safety
against the Insurgents in Somerset & Worcester Counties. We are &c.

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Mr Robert Harrison

Sir Your favor of the 5th Decemr. came to our hands, and we are very sorry
to be informed through of the extreme Indiscretion of Capt Pattison who is now under an Oath
to be examined by the proper Powers of the State, the Result of which will be Communicated
to you hereafter. We have now several Vessels ready to send to you which upon
their Arrival will we hope enable you to discharge the several Sums due from you on
Account, but when they will depart from home is uncertain as there are a Number of British
Ships of War in our Bay, however we have given Orders to Mr Morris of Phil^a to remit
you the Sum of fifteen Hundred Pounds to enable you to pay the Debt you & Mr
Bingham have incurred on account of Capt Pattison whose Imprudence we trust will not
be productive of any Inconvenience or ill Consequences to any of the United States, at the
same Time we assure you we highly disapprove of this Conduct of Capt. Pattison and
rely on your making a proper Representation of our sentiments on this Subject to the Govern
& Governor of Martinico We are &c.

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