

that originally had been under your direction, for the want of the
 contracts and other papers relative thereto and we should be glad that
 you would transmit to us as soon as you immediately can all the agreements
 and papers you have in your possession respecting the public, and
 which properly may come under the inspection and cognizance of
 our board. We hope soon to hear of your being restored to perfect
 health and are
 Y^r. most obed^t. serv^{ts}
 To R. Alexander Esq^r. N^o. order.

Sir.

We have received your letters with regard to the vessels sunk
 at whetstone point, and altho' you declined acting in your first
 letter, we are pleased to find you have since accepted of the trust
 reposed in you by the Council of Safety, and we find by your
 last letter that you have in part executed the same by raising
 several of the vessels; you are desirous of having some further
 instructions about repairing and valuing the vessels after
 they are raised. We must beg leave to refer you to the proceedings
 of the last Convention page (13) - where you will see what we
 are directed to do, and also we refer to our former instructions
 by which you are requested after raising the vessels to cause
 them to be rigged and put in same state they were in before
 they were sunk, as near as maybe, and that you or any two
 of you are to cause them severally to be reappraised on oath by
 persons you may appoint; to which we shall add nothing
 further at present only request you to advise with Captain
 Nicholson in all your proceedings, and to take care your men
 appointed be free from any partiality or just objection, and that
 they make regular returns of appraisement to us; we doubt
 not you will do what is right and then the owners cannot
 complain, or if they do, their unjust allegations will be little
 attended to we believe by the Convention who are shortly to meet.

We are Y^r. most obed^t. serv^{ts}
 N^o. order.

To Jesse Hollingsworth.

Gentlemen.

Annapolis 16th June 1776.

Your favor of the 11th Inst. we rec^d. at 10 o'clock this morning,
 we have already complied with almost everything you request
 and we wish we had time to collect the fair and uninfluenced
 sense of our people on the most important points of independence
 before the meeting of the Convention; but as the assembling of
 that body is already fixed to twentieth of this month, it will be
 impossible to send express to the Delegates who are distant so
 that they could make the necessary inquiry before that time, we
 presume the first business of the Convention will be regulating
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