

Sir

In. Council of Safety Feb 18. 1777

We have ordered Capt Cook to give every assistance that the Congress or marine committee may require and also ordered the Schooner Dolphin now at Annapolis a row galley and another armed vessel at Mr Stewards yard to be immediately got ready and expect them at Annapolis on Tuesday. You may speak to Capt Walker for assistance but we fear his galley cannot be got ready in time but he may spare some men. Enclosed you have a copy of a report from the conferees from the senate & assembly which will shew what they deem the force to be that is ordered by the Hon^{ble} Congress & Council of safety to quell the Insurgents in Somerset and Worcester Counties
J. Chew Esq.

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Feby 8th 1777

An unhappy affair has lately happened in Martinico by the imprudence of Captain Patterson in a small Privateer from this State, he having contrary to Law of nations having taken an English vessel under a Flag of France within a small distance of that Island to make satisfaction for which outrage the continental and our agents there have been obliged to give their Bond for the payment of the vessel and cargo so seized, within three months from the date thereof.

We therefore desire you remit to those agents the sum of fifteen hundred pounds continental currency if in your power or take other necessary steps to enable them to pay that sum within the time limited and charge the same to the acct. of this State.

Robert Morris Esq.

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Your Fav^r of the 5th Dec came to our hands and we are very sorry to be informed thereby of the extreme indiscretion of Capt. Patterson who is now under an arrest 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 the arrival will we hope enable you to discharge the several sums due from you on our account but when they will depart from hence is uncertain as there are a number of British ships of War in our Bay however we have given orders to Mr Morris of Phila 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 Patterson 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