

You are under by the considerable advance you and in your
 own state. But we hope it is considerably reduced by this
 by the arrival of the resolution Capt. Cary schooner 92
 Rogers. Schooner Friendship Gable and Brigantine Friendship
 Martin a large ship a Brig & the long Molly are loading with
 Tobacco & Flour & will be pushed out as soon as there is a
 chance of passing three men of war that now are in our Bay
 but lest this may not soon be the case we are about apply-
 ing to the Genl. Assembly now sitting to empower us to send
 Mr Crockett to the Carolinas to ship Indigo and other produce
 to extricate you from all your difficulties Capt. Patton
 is under arrest for seizing the Flag of Truce mentioned in
 your letter of Dec. He desires the charge of taking her under
 the Guns of the Fort & avers that she was nearly run to
 some rique and that he informed Mr Harrison of his inten-
 tion and that he did not object to it this we give not the
 least credit to but we think it would be necessary that
 his Mr Bingham's depositions be taken together with his papers
 of passport & other documents in your power and transmitted
 to us as soon as possible Memo. De Bankins is appointed a
 Lieut. in our metropolis we are &c.

Baker & Harrison

In Council of Safety Feb 15. th 1777

Sir

We are directed by the General Assembly to desire you to
 dismiss from the service of this State the Virginia Regiment
 and the two companies of Regulars on the Continental Establish-
 ment We are Sir your Obedt Servts.

Genl Smallwood

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Sir

Feb 17 th 1777

Fill up the Brig as soon as possible & get her ready for sea
 to sail with the first strong North Wind that may be atten-
 ded with rain or mist. The Ship Lydia must be a little longer
 as we hear the troops are discharged no doubt your Clerk will
 return. Tobacco it is thought will fall and as the risk is very
 great while the men of war continue in the Bay our Council
 do not incline to give the high prices you mention for Tobacco
 you must settle with Commissioners yourself for the head
 Essex Hollingsworth

Sir

Annapolis Feb 19. 1777

We have the honor of transmitting to you the thanks of
 the General Assembly of this State for your spirited con-
 duct in marching into it your Battalion of Militia in