

Gentlemen. Your favour of the 28th Dec^r inclos, act cur-
rent & Mr Van Lierhous of the 10th Jan^r, have come to hand
We are exceedingly sorry that our endeavours to extinguish
the heavy debt you have contracted on account of our State
have been attended with so little success. Had the resolu-
tion got safe through the enemy and the 92 not missed the
Island of Martinique then cargoes which were valuable
would have greatly relieved you the 92 arrived at the Moal
almost a week Martin Conway & Morris Cayoes if they
arrive safe with the money you have or will receive for
the powder & quiver sold at Carolina belonging to this
State will greatly reduce our balance. We are getting the
Ship Lydia B within 400 & has ready to take in a load
of Tobacco which will be dispatched to you as soon as
possible and we may depend that the Gov^r & Council
who will shortly succeed us & to whom in future we shall
red to address our letters will do every thing in their
power to strengthen your hands. But if you could draw
bills upon them even at 25 per cent discount it would be
serving the state & yourselves to do it. Salt Blankets &
Course woollens with trimmings we want very much &
wish to have them almost at any price. Mr Van Lierhous
order on us in favor of B. B. & Co for \$3300 has appeared and
is duly honoured. Pray have you ever heard any intelli-
gence respecting Simonson. Mr Mc Cleary who is now in
this State has informed us that he shipped to the care
of Mr Van Lierhous from Rotterdam for the use of this State
2000 muskets 10000 Green Glints 20 Boxes Cole & 20 Boxes
single tin 1300 Gun Locks 5 Tons lead and a large quantity
of Medicines that a Mr Beale who is connected with
Mr Norton at home Burg informed him that these goods
arrived safe in St. Lucia that Mr Van Lierhous refused
to pay the freight of them and that a Mr Stevens on had
taken them up and sold part of them to pay it. We
cannot give credit to this information and beg that
you will make enquiry and inform us particularly how
this business has been transacted and what has been
done with the goods. Inclosed you have invoice & Bill
of Lading for the Brothers cargo which we wish to a good
market. Here with you will receive several copies of
the convention of N. Yorks address to the people of that
State which he pleased to distribute amongst the In-
habitants of Martinique & the British Islands also a