

the loss of 25 per cent. we should be glad that you would make the semi-lance. Pray inform us when you expect it will be in your power to comply with your contract with this State

Yours &c
Hugh Walker, Melling & Morris & Co

Sir Baltimore March 12th

Your troops moving to Chester Town makes it necessary to have a commissary there & as we are at a loss whom to appoint to that department.

Sir Baltimore March 11th

Your attendance at the Council Board is desired on Monday next with any papers you may have relative to the goods you shipped from Bordeaux & Rotterdam in act of this State

Yours &c
M^r M^r Creary.

Sir March 4th 1777

You are with all dispatch to get the ship Lydia ready to proceed up to march to Weymouth to the address of Col. Howe who has the chief of her cargo ready. He will correspond with Col. R. D. Harrison or Mr. Bayley who live at the Court to whom direct Capt. Kelly to apply for them unless before he fails you receive from us or Mr. some other directions. You and the Capt. will take care to have her fitted & provisioned at Balt. Town so that nothing may be wanted for her in Potomac except her cargo

Yours &c
Derree & Hollingsworth.

Sir March 15th 1777

We communicated to you our intention to send the Lydia round to Potomac to load but as she will want some ballast we think right to advise you to purchase about sixty or eighty shd. of Pot. for that purpose giving thirty five shillings for Elk Ridge & thirty for Patuxent or Potomac Pot. This you will put in & dispatch the ship off as soon as possible

Yours &c
Derree & Hollingsworth

Sir March 17th 1777

Messrs. Barclay & Harrison of Martinique shipped on act of this State sundry merchandize on board the sloop Liberty Capt. Jones consigned to the Council of Safety of this State we ordered him to annex to give an act what he had done with the goods. (Mr. Meale informs us that Capt. Jones left Balt. Town some