

preventing me from being obstructed in accomplishing this design.  
I am Sir. with great respect Your most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup> N. Scott  
Annapolis June 6<sup>th</sup> 1776.

The Honble. The President of the Council of Safety.  
Alex<sup>a</sup> Jan'y 9<sup>th</sup> 1776

Honble Sir. Capt<sup>t</sup> Conway has never been able to get his vessel ready to take in till this day tho' he has used great industry, the weather, the Holly days &c has been against him. She is still a very fine vessel, now in the most complete order and it gives me concern to inform you that, the Capt, one of the most active fellows in the world, is about leaving her. of this Capt<sup>t</sup> Conway never gave me the most distant hint, till within these few days, as soon as he made known his intentions. I expostulated with and endeavor'd to convince him of the impropriety of leaving the service without giving the Council of Safety due notice to provide another master, but all in vain, - He has had a little vessel built some where in the lower parts of Virginia, she is finished and comes up and he is going out in her. However he promises to stay by the vessel and see things carried on, till another master comes on board You'll therefore be pleased to appoint one and send him to take charge as soon as possible. He says he intended to give you notice at Annapolis, but the Council Room was always full & he never could find an opportunity. if you have not a proper person to spare, there is a Brother of Conways, who I believe to be an able seaman, & a very industrious spirited man that has offered himself; He being well acquainted, could pick up men in a short time of wh the vessel is bare, having but 3 on board.

I am Sir Y<sup>r</sup> most  
Ob<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup> R. Hove

If you incline to accept of his brother it will be well to give me orders by next post or he will be engaged.

To The Honble Dr<sup>t</sup> J. Jenifer Esq<sup>r</sup>.

D<sup>r</sup> Sir. I believe we forgot to write by the Virg<sup>a</sup> Post to Col<sup>o</sup> Hove to engage Capt<sup>t</sup> Conways Brother to go out in the Molly - if we did an express ought in my opinion to be immediately sent, otherwise we may lose him, I was unwell last night with a pain in my shoulder wh prevented me of rest, and as it is cold - I do not care to venture out. With my compliments to our Bro<sup>r</sup> - then I am your obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>.  
Daw of Dr<sup>t</sup> J. Jenifer.

Jan'y 11<sup>th</sup> 1777.

The express may call at Stepmey with the news from the North?

In filling up commissions would it not be well to pay some attention to the Governor of Martinique's friend who is a cadet in Trulford's company & give him a pair of colours. You may observe that altho. I am not with you yet I am thinking of your business.

To Col<sup>o</sup> Hall.

Baltimore. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1776.

D<sup>r</sup> Sir. With pleasure have I heard of you being much better of your  
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