

propose Conferences at the Head of the Elk Ridge Settlement,
at their next Meeting, and to pay one Moiety of the
Expenses of bringing him down, Guards of - James Morris
to pay the other Moiety. - We are &c
22nd March 1776.

N^o 77 To Capt^m John Allen Thomas.

Sir We received a Letter of the 15th Inst^t
from Mr. Machall advising us that you thought a
Virginia Pilot-Boat, which the Lambert-County Guards had
stopped some Days past, would be very useful, as well for
conveying the Troops from one County to the other, as for
taking any small Tenders, which might come into your
River, and that the Owner would sell her ~~at~~ reasonable
Terms, and requesting our Opinion upon the Expediency of
purchasing and arming her for the Use of the Province.
We cannot conceive a Pilot-Boat properly calculated to
transport Troops across a narrow River, in which upon an
Alarm given, unless the Wind should be such, they cannot
fail from one Place to another with that Expedition

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