St Eustatia November 8th 1776

Messrs Willing & Morris

Gentlemen

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The present tends to inform you we have receive from Capt. Samuel Pote the sum of Thirteen hundred and twenty pounds this Currency, Which we have already appropriated to the service of the State of Maryland for this sum we have given our Obligation with Mr. Richd. Jennings Mercht. of this Island as security payable in ten days after demand with Interest of ten per Cent. We have therefore to request as Capt. Pote takes Passage in this Vessell for Philadelphia you'll endeavour to take up said Obligation which otherwise we may find difficult to discharge here when demanded. The terms with him rely on you to make but think you had better give Currency for Currency in Specie together with Interest accrueing than suffer a demand of the Money here, Shou'd you take up the above mentioned Obligation which will be rendering the State of Maryland a singular service please to advise us thereof by first Opportunity — We are with Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants

Van Bibber & Harrison

To

Messrs Willing & Morris
Merchants
Philadelphia

Sloop Betsy Capt. May

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Gentlemen

The foregoing is what we have wrote Messrs Willing & Morris relative to the Obligation given Capt. Samuel Pote for a sum of Money which we had imminent occasion for but fearing they will not exert them selves in that Business unless they have orders from you, therefore must intreat you on the receipt of this to write to and press them to take up the said Obligation, that we are incapacitated to discharge should it be demanded here we being so largely in Advance for the Publick allready, We flatter our selves as we have strained every Nerve to serve the State on every occasion you will pay particular Attention to our request. Time will not permit us to enlarge therefore Conclude with the Highest esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants

duplicate by Capt. Howell Original Via Philad.

To

The Honourable
the Council of Safety for the
State of Maryland