

**Thomas Contee to George Washington, April 11, 1775,
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FROM THOMAS CONTEE, ESQ.¹

GEORGE TOWN April 11. 1775

SIR

I have Just received your Terms for the Brigantine Farmer and her Apparel, the New Boat Excepted, I agree to your proposal and Capt. Bradstreet will take her in Charge when or as Soon as you please. The Eighty pounds Bills will be paid you on receipt of the Vessel and the Cash you may rely on by or before the first day of May next. I am Sir your very humble Servant

THOS. CONTEE

¹ There is the strongest presumption that the Contees (about the time of their arrival closely connected with the family of Governor Seymour, and lately represented by the gallant John Contee, of Java) came also, originally, from France; though there is evidence of the fact that they had lived at Barnstaple, in Devonshire, as did some of the most distinguished Huguenots in other parts of England before their emigration to other countries. The arrival, however, of the Contees in Maryland was late. I doubt if it was before the year 1690.—G. L. DAVIS.