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Ms. Elizabeth M. Nuxoll
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Dear Ms. Nuxoll:

Armed with the additional details you sent regarding the background of the newspaper exchange in 1783 between Intendant of the Revenue Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer and the "Examiner," I went back to work. The key proved to be Jenifer's letter that appeared a week or two before the July 10 essay by "Examiner." In that article, Jenifer said that he only remembered disallowing one account that had previously been approved by the Auditor, and that happened to be the "Examiner's." Jenifer further said that he had disallowed it because he believed he did not have the right to approve it under existing law.

On page 7 of the Intendant's Letter Book for 1782 is the account of Alexander Contee Hanson, at the time a judge of the General Court. In 1788 he wrote the well-known defense of the U.S. Constitution under the pseudonym "Aristides."

Hanson claimed a balance due of just over 40 pounds, which fits the statement in the "Examiner" essay. Further, Jenifer denied the account on the grounds that "he apprehends it does not come under the act to adjust the Debts due from this State."

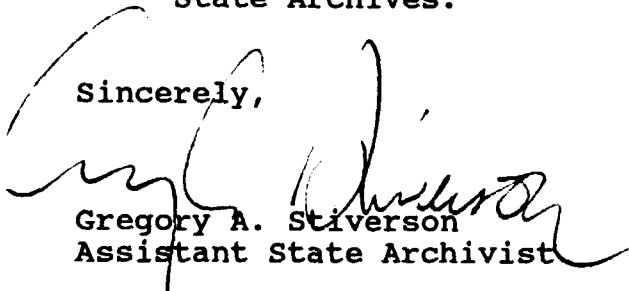
Since this refused account of Alexander Contee Hanson fits the known evidence cited in the "Examiner" essay and Jenifer's defense, I feel confident that Hanson is the author of the piece, especially since he is known to have engaged in another major pseudonymous newspaper debate just a few years later.

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I am enclosing a copy of the account, and information on Alexander Contee Hanson. The full citation for the account is:

Alexander Contee Hanson's Account for Salary and Indendant's response, 22 Feb. 1782, Letter Book, 1782, Feb. 2 - 1782, Sept. 5, f. 7, Intendant of the Revenue, S166-1, Maryland State Archives.

Sincerely,



Gregory A. Stiverson
Assistant State Archivist

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Enclosure

See attachment on next page

Copy of an Account delivered to the Intendant by Alexander C. Hanson Esq
 the original returned to him with the Intendants opinion thereon.

State of Maryland D.
 1780.
 Nov: 1. Ball^a of my Salary due this day as of Acc^t. settled by the Auditor General 132. 19. 3
 1781.
 Nov: 1. My Salary 500. 0. 0
 632. 19. 3

By £1500. Continent^l: received Dec: 23^d. at 90 for 1. . . . 16. 13. 4
 By £100. State rec^d. Jan: 6. 1781. at 2³/₄ for 1. . . . 36. 7. 4
 By £128. 8. 6 State rec^d. April 14th. at 3¹/₂ for 1. . . . 36. 14. 0
 By £250. rec^d received Aug: 14th. at par 250. 0. 0
 By £250. d^r. received Nov: 24th. at par 250. 0. 0
 589. 14. 8
 Ball^a due £ 43. 14. 7

The Sums of £1500. Cont^l: 100. State, and 128. 8. 6 State by the Acc^t. settled with the Auditor, were applied to the discharge of my Salary for the year 1780; and as the Depreciation was stated by the Scale laid down in the Resolve of November Session 1780, they amounted to a full discharge - I conceive, there was no necessity for stating the Depreciation in that Account, as I had another Account for part of my Salary for the year 1781, I had undoubtedly an election without doing the least injustice to the State of applying those payments as I pleased, and the stating of the Depreciation ought not, ^{therefore} to operate to my Disadvantage. —

Signed A. C. Hanson

The Intendant cannot agree to pass this Account because it appears by the Books in the Auditors Office that M. Hanson received on the 4th April 1781. the Sum of £128. 8. 6 State Emission in full of his Depreciation and Salary due the 1st of November 1780, and therefore he apprehends it does not come under the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State.

D. of S. T. J. J.

Hanson Esq: