

Letter Bk. III Clair left for them at Conegochiegh would make £1500 Stg. or (reckoning Exchange at 60 p C) £2400 Currency, of this they had already received from S^r John £1890 the Ballance therefore to be yet received by them was £510 Currency, this I understood from you that M^r Kilby or M^r Howell would Advance on Your Excellency's Account & in Consequence of your Instructions as well as the £850 St^s for Contingencies & I drew on M^r Howell for those two Sums accordingly as you will see by the inclosed Copies of my Orders. You may remember Sir that when we were last talking of this Matter at Carlyle I asked Your Excellency if you would not choose to give a warrant or warrants on the Paymaster for those two Sums of £510 Currency & £850 stg to which you replied I think that you would write to M^r Kilby or M^r Howell & desire them to advance it & that that method would do as well. I now perceive by the Letter which M^r Kilby wrote to M^r Howell the 14th Inst to explain the Letter which he sent me the 19th of Iune that he means to advance only £1500 St^s in part of what was due to M^r Ross for Victualling our Troops to the 8th of April, that is instead of £2976. 15 Currency which I imagined it was his Intention to advance, he will advance no more than £2400 Currency & I perceive that he has forbid M^r Howell to pay either the £850 st^s for Contingencies or the £510 Currency for the Pay of the Maryland Troops now under Your Excellency's Command. This being the Case I know not what Method to propose whereby D^r Ross might be released unless your Excellency will write to M^r Howell & let him know how the mistake has happened & at the same time give him a Warrant or Warrants on the Paymaster or M^r Nelson for the £850 St^s the £510 Currency & the Sum of £576. 15 Currency or £360. 8. 6 Sterling (which Sum of £576. 15 Currency or £360: 8 St^s is the Difference between what M^r Kilby intended to advance D^r Ross & what it was imagined he intended to advance him. This I suppose is as much as M^r Howell can desire & thereupon I presume he will withdraw his Action & endeavour as far as shall be in his power to vindicate D^r Ross's Character. M^r Kilby seems to hint I think that one Reason of his declining to advance D^r Ross the full Sum of £2976. 15 Currency was that he & his Friends might be still interested & lest he & they should otherwise give themselves no farther Concern or Trouble about the Affair nor use their Endeavours to obtain Payment from the Assembly, but if this was the only Reason the Precaution would have been needless for Your Excellency will be pleased to observe that altho that £2976. 15 had been paid him yet D^r Ross would still lye out of what is due to him for Victualling our Troops from the 8th of April to the 8th of May