

he informed that M^r Howell had been with him, and persuade me to deliver up the Bills, for it would forever ruin M^r Howell with the General & M^r Kilby, as he had paid the Orders a day before they were due and with a view to Oblige me that I might not be detained any longer in Town, that as they were not become due from the time they were presented, the General or M^r Kilby had a right to countermand the payment as in the case of Bills of Exchange, and by M^r Howells having made the payment a day sooner, I would even be a gainer, for if he had not paid them before he received M^r Kilbys letter by the post I would have received nothing, and M^r Howell was willing to allow me to retain the £1500 M^r Kilby had promised to advance by his letter of the 19 of June. I showed M^r Merideth, M^r Kilbys letter of the 19 of June, a Copy of all the three Orders, and Observed to him the most considerable Order was drawn at no sight. I also showed him the abstract M^r Howell had given me of M^r Kilbys letter of the 14 of August, and told him I was very certain that neither the General nor M^r Kilby could have any Intention to countermand their Orders or retract what they had once assented to, but that the whole seemed owing to a mistake, which I imagined was Occasioned by the Generals Sickness, As Major Halket had told me at Carlyle that he had wrote to Capt McAdam by the Generals Direction concerning the money to be advanced me & that I was apprehensive M^r Kilby had misunderstood Major Halket & supposed that the 850^l which the Major had desired him to pay was all the money that was asked or expected from him when in fact that was an Additional sum over & above the Money which he had voluntarily offered to advance but as M^r Kilby had not yet received the letters from Governor Sharpe, for they were at M^r Howells counting house since I came to Town, these I imagined would explain the whole affair to M^r Kilbys and at last it would only be the expence of sending an Express to the General who would send a Warrant for what he thought proper to advance, and that I should not leave the Town nor negotiate one of the Bills till the matter should be adjusted, that if the General or Governor Sharpe directed me to deliver up the whole money, that it should be done. Before we had done dinner M^r Howell came to M^r Merediths, and the whole affair was again talked over in much the same manner, M^r Howell said he would not have mentioned it to any Body else, but M^r Meredith was one he always Consulted with on every difficult Occassion, and again requested me not to mention it. the conversation concluded with my telling him, that I had as yet had no Opportunity of thinking seriously on the affair, that I