

should consider it that afternoon and let him know in the morning time enough for him to write to M^r Kilby by the post.

Next day, I gave M^r Howell mine of the 16 of August N 6 which was not satisfactory and at first he threatend me with his Interest with the General and M^r Kilby that I should not only refund the money advanced, but that I should never receive a farthing, unless I got pay from the Maryland Assembly; However he proposed going with me to Secratary Peters, who he said was present when the General and M^r Kilby settled the matter in June. We waited on that Gentleman in the afternoon, the whole affair was laid before him by M^r Howell, M^r Peters at first seemed to think the Bills might be returned to M^r Howell; but when I had Spoke and stated the affair in a fuller manner than I thought M^r Howell had done, he oned he thought much the best way for us both, was to go to N York together and wait on M^r Kilby to whom he would write, and that he was certain he knew so much of that sort of business, that he would fall on some way to extricate us both out of our difficulties. M^r Howell replied, that every thing was what he proposed to the Doctor yesterday, but that I had refused to go. I readily acknowledged I did, but mentioned to M^r Peters that my reason for refusing to go was; that M^r Howell would by no means agree to my sending an Express to General Forbes or to Governor Sharpe, but Insisted that they should know nothing of what had happened; that as it appeared by the extracts of M^r Kilbys letter, that he had not received the intended Information from Major Halkets letter, that it was not probable he would alter his mind even if Governor Sharpes letter should have come to his hands; and it could not be supposed the General would write to him again relating to it, as he certainly Imagined every thing was settled by Major Halkets letter to Cap^t M^cAdam. I told M^r Peters that nothing would be more agreable to me than going Immediately to N York with M^r Howell to wait on M^r Kilby, but asked his opinion whether from the reasons I had given, he did not think it proper that either M^r Howell or I should write to the General or Governor Sharpe before we set out; that I would be at the Expence of sending an Express, and we could have answer by the time we returned from N York, and if either General Forbes or your Excellency should direct the returning the whole money it should be compied with. M^r Peters seemed to think as the General was Indisposed it might give him too much trouble, and that it would be time enough when we returned, that he was sure M^r Kilby would settle it himself, but if he should not, that M^r Kilby would write to the General and get it adjusted at once, for all