

drawn for less than the Sum and that he would give no receipts to M^r Neilson for he was positively resolved his name should not appear in the whole transaction. I told him that whatever the sum was Short would fall on me, that I could expect no more than the General thought proper to advance and that giving the Receipts to M^r Neilson was a meer matter of form I apprehended, and that obliging me to send again to the General would teize him too much in the Condition he was in as to his Health, and that I hoped out of regard to the General he would get over these points even if he was resolved to plague me. he on this expressed himself with more warmth than he had ever done, and said there was other punctilios to be settled before I should finger the money, and left me very abruptly

As I observed M^r Peters had that evening some conversation with him in the street before M^r Howel came in to the Coffee House, I got a Copy the next morning of the Warrant and Receipts required from M^r Neilson, and waited on Secretary Peters with them, and told him what had passed the Evening before betwixt M^r Howel and me, and that I had offered M^r Howel to leave every thing to him to adjust, and begged as he had already taken so much trouble on my Account he would help to put every thing right at last, he informed me that M^r Howel had told him the Evening before that the General had sent his Warrant for the money, but there was a punctilio to Settle with me first, which he did not explain to him, but that he would call on M^r Howel to get the affair finished, in consequence of this I wrote to your Excellency the same day N^o 13. M^r Peters I understood did apply to M^r Howel, but the Express coming in that forenoon from General Amherst upon the Surrender of Louisburgh prevented my knowing what was the Event, I saw M^r Howel that Evening at the Coffee House but he took no notice of me. next day I waited on M^r Peters, but he was Ill and confined to his Room and I believe he wrote or sent for M^r Howel to come to him, but still I heard nothing from M^r Howel, and as I understood the affair was now publickly talked of and that several Reports which had formerly been spread with regard to my character in negotiating the affair gained ground with the Quakers in particular, I bethought myself of applying to Israel Pemberton and went to wait on him that afternoon, at first he seemed averse to looking into the Affair and told me that M^r Howel had informed him of it lately as he had observed us both talking together with great earnestness at the Coffee House. I told him I was very glad to hear it, and if he pleased to look into my papers he would be master of both sides of the affair, and that it would be an Act of