

possible, which will be bounded by the voluntary promises I have received. Lib. No. 86

Upon the receipt of this Intelligence I immediately determined to settle all my Accounts with the Board, and had them drawn out accordingly, in two parts, the one ending the 29<sup>th</sup> of September which according to my Articles I sent in the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, and the second I intended sending in, as soon as I received the Report of the Board on the former. It was not 'til the other Day, that my Sister informed me she had received an Order from the Board, directed to me, to send in the second Account, which my extreme illness, at that time, and total incapacity for Business inclined her to suppress 'til my Recovery, of which she inform'd the Board herself: This Order I have not yet seen (my Sister not having it with her on Sunday last, when she inform'd me of the receipt of it) but the Terms of which I intended always, and am very ready to comply with, as far as it lies in my Power, if your Excellency will be pleas'd to befriend me so far as to direct the Writ to be withdrawn. And on the other hand if Things are driven to extremity your Excellency will consider, how far his Lordship's Credit may suffer, after the various assurances of Support & promises of protection he has made me, if it be possible he can be conscious of the arrest, and if otherwise, how far your Excel<sup>y</sup> may escape censure, in an affair of so delicate a nature, and which will be severely canvass'd both in England & America. I trust, it will appear that I have Acted upon the Credit of my own Bond as uprightly and faithfully as if it was supported by that of the most responsible Securities, and even could any flaw be found in it, I have known Lord B. too long, and have too good an opinion of him to conceive he would take undue advantage of it, or subject a man, to whom he has once professed a Friendship, to so ignominious a process. I am

Sir, Your Excellency's most obedient &

P. S. I beg you will most humble Servant  
pardon the Paper & B. Allen  
Pen, being the best I could get,  
April 9<sup>th</sup> 1769

Ordered by the Board, That M<sup>r</sup> Clapham do give Notice p. 86  
to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Allen, the late Agent, That in Case he will  
without delay, submit to pass with this Board a regular Ac-  
count of his Transactions during the Time of his having acted  
in the Office of Agent & make Satisfaction of the Sum which  
shall be found due to His Lordship on such Account; the  
process against him shall be withdrawn, as thereby the end,  
or purpose thereof, will be Answered.