

be Adjudged lawful Prize and that such order and decree may be made thereon as shall to your Honour seem meet &c

[J. & P. French & Nephew, Bordeaux, to His Excellency
Gover^r Lee]

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Sir Though we have not the honor of being Known to your Excellency we take the freedom of addressing to you under the Auspices & at the desire of our old most p'ticular friend & Correspondant M^r Stephen Steward, West river, relative to a bill of Exch^{ge} N^o 1 drawn by your State on Mess^{rs} Osgood Hanbury, Silvanus Grove & James Russell, State Agents in London for £1500 S^{ts} Pursuant to our friend M^r Steward's directions we got it presented as quick as possible by very perticular friends of our's in London, Mess^{rs} French & Coleson & wrote ourselves at same time to the above three Gentlemen, who unanimously refused accepting & accordingly we now inclose you the p'test, their answer to our letters we have in cource forwarded to his Excellency Benjamin Franklin Esq^r to whom we also had the honor of Corresponding on the occasion, as well as with W^m Carmichael Esq^r & the other trustees, in short y^r Excellency depend th^t we spared no pains in our power in order to procure payment for said bill as We sho'd most certainly have had great pleasure in giving you the utmost satisfaction in the management of this business & Convincing y^r Excellency the great attention we shall pay in Executing any orders confided to our care by you & the members of that State; We hold ourselves p'ticularly obliged to our good friend M^r Steward for hav^g procured an opportunity of addressing to you & assuring you how sincerely & respectfully we are Your Excellencies Devoted H^{'ble} Serv^{ts}

You have Copy of William Carmichael Esq^{rs} Letter to us relative to the Bill of 1500 lbs also M^r Russell of London's answer, as yet we have no answer from his Excellency Benjamin Franklin Esq^r to whom we have wrote a Couple of Posts ago on the Occasion In Course you'll hear of our Success.

[James Russell London to Messrs J. & P. French & Nephew]

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Sirs I am to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favours 13 May & 16 Curr^t am much obliged to you for the trouble you took to settle with Mess: Delay & C^o I observe they had paid £1005:2:9 to M^r James Grahame before he left France & the ballance that remains due is to be paid to Joshua Johnson on M^r Grahame's acco^t as soon as it is recovered, when that money is paid, please advise me that I may charge it to M^r Graham's Father's estate who is since dead; your last favour advised me that you had remitted a bill of £1500 drawn by the States of Maryland on Mess^{rs} Hanbury, Grove