

Sir,



General August 11th 1787—

Mr. Clark informs the Board that he has not any Money in his hands to carry on the public Buildings— that he is at this time in advance for them about £1300.— that he has not heard from Mr. Ridley respecting the Order heretofore given on him—that he will be obliged to discharge the whole of the workmen this Evening unless he is supplied with Money and that the State House will be materially injured should it be exposed another Winter—that if he is supplied with about £400 he will engage to carry them on for six weeks longer and if further supplied he will have them completed agreeably to the direction of the General Assembly by the last Day of November next— We are constrained by these very particular circumstances to request you to apply 400^l of the Money which you have retained to pay claims on the Journal or which may come into your hands subject to such Claims to the payment of Mr. Clarke's Order for £1500 and we will hold ourselves amenable to the General Assembly should they deem you censurable for breaking in on their Appropriation at our instance under circumstances so urgent— In doing this we feel a consciousness of being influenced by no other Motive than a desire to prevent the great loss the public would sustain

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Should the public buildings remain in their present
unfinished state.

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