

in Opinion that any bad Effects will result from our not allowing them, you must be sensible it was the Intention of the Assembly to sell that Property for the Purpose of procuring a Sum of hard Money according to their Engagement for the Officers and Soldiers. The Reasons which induced us to fix and still adhere to the Terms of Sale published, that no other Money besides specie will answer the Purpose of the Officers and Soldiers of our Line in the Southern Army, and going thither, that we have engaged to send the Specie to them as soon as we can possibly obtain it, and that we would not appropriate what came in to any other Purpose, until they were supplied ^{with} ~~with~~ what the Assembly have allowed, that Whetstones would be sold for specie only and that we have no Prospect of acquiring a Sum soon by any other Means, many more ^{Reasons} that occur to us could be assigned if it was necessary; in disposing of this Property you will be governed by your own Discretion having an Eye to the Necessities of the Officers and Men, and we are convinced the Public will not suffer. We have sent you an Extract of a Letter from Mr. Lee from whence we are led to conclude that Mr. Washington will have no Objection to sell his Park, the State answering his Propriety of the Money, as it was the Intention of his Father that his Interest should be sold, if you don't think you are authorized to sell his Park, it will be proper to have it laid off in the same Manner Mr. Rufels was.

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In Council 6th August 1781.

Sir, We have received your Letter of the 31th Current and Henry Orams Petition, upon seeing the Man his Age, and Description and considering his indigent Circumstances and numerous helpless Family, we cannot help ~~in~~ viewing, the Fine laid on him as oppressive. The Letter we wrote you on the 2^d Aug^t relative to Thomas Brazier was on a similar Subject. We therein acknowledged our want of Power to release the Man, but requested you to suspend laying, the Fine until he had an opportunity of laying his Case before the next Assembly. We wrote the same Request of Suspension for this Man Henry Orams.

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Mr. Job Ganter.