

In Council December 3<sup>d</sup>. 1795.

Sir,

In the letter of the Nineteenth of September from the Executive then in office, your Excellency was informed of the Measures which had been taken respecting the demand made for the arrest and surrender of Mr. Montgomery. The Warrant which issued to the Sheriff of Harford County has not been served, and Mr. Montgomery who is attending here as a Member of the General Assembly has been heard by his Counsel before the present Board as to the operation of the Constitution and the Laws of the United States upon the offence wherewith he is charged.

We are induced to postpone our decision on these Points by the very respectable recommendation which the General Assembly have thought proper to make to us on the subject, a Copy of which we have the Honour to Enclose.

In complying with this recommendation (which we do with very sincere pleasure) we do not think it necessary to go into a full recapitulation of the unfortunate disagreement which has occasioned the demand. A considerable time has elapsed since its Commencement, and whatever imprudence may have attended it, we hope it has not been so great as to preclude the exertion of a proper degree of lenity or to frustrate the Benevolent Views of the Legislature in his behalf.

We beg leave to observe that, altho we feel it our duty to comply with those obligations which the Laws impose on us whatever our feelings or wishes may be; we shall be much gratified, if, by a compliance on the part of your Excellency with the Request which it is recommended to us to make and which is warmly seconded by our own inclinations, we should be freed from the necessity of proceeding further in procuring the arrest of Mr. Montgomery and he should be released from the state of anxiety and apprehension in which he is at present involved.

His Excellency  
Thomas Mifflin Esquire  
Governor of Pennsylvania

We are &c

John H. Stone