

same time endeavoured to convince him of the Propriety of such request and to prevail on him to comply with the same: he replied that he had received the agents Commission to execute agreeable to particular Instructions and that he should take care to observe them, but that he did not apprehend the Board had any Right to call upon him to account in this Manner, that if they had an Authority to Compel him to lay his accounts before them at present, they might with equal Reason call on him every ten Days, which was Treatment no Gentleman would submit to, and he alledged that this Demand implied a Suspicion of his Conduct, which had been advantageous to my Lord, having remitted him the whole of what he had received, including his Commission.

I observed to Mr. Allen that the Board were willing to conduct Matters amicably of which he must be sensible by their desiring me to wait on him in order to signify their Request, he answered, that he was obliged to the Board for sending to him, but that he did not know what Powers they were invested with and expressed a Desire that they would send him their Commission & Instructions, that he was satisfied the Board had injured him as much as it was in their Power to do, that they could not prejudice him more than they had done, and he believed they would hardly attempt to issue General Warrants to seize his Papers and desired me to inform the Board that if they had anything to communicate to him, he should be glad to receive it in Writing that he might have an opportunity of sending an answer and transmitting an account of matters to Mr. Hambley: he further alledged that he could produce his accounts with as much ease in an hours time as six Months hence, but it was matter of Punctilio, and that he did not chuse to gratify the Board. I then took my leave of Mr. Allen and this Morning received from him the following Letter