

Upon the receipt of this Intelligence I immediately determined to settle all my accounts with the Board, and had them drawn out accordingly, in two parts, the one ending the 29<sup>th</sup> of September which according to my Articles I sent in the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, and the second I intended sending in, as soon as I received the Report of the Board on the former. It was not till the other Day, that my Sister informed me she had received an Order from the Board, directed to me to send in the second Account, which my extreme illness, at that time, and total incapacity for Business inclined her to suppress till my Recovery, of which she inform'd the Board herself. This Order I have not yet seen (my Sister not having it with her on Sunday last, when she inform'd me of the receipt of it) but the terms of which I intended always, and am very ready to comply with, as far as it lies in my Power, if your Excellency will be pleased to befriend me so far as to direct the Writ to be withdrawn. and on the other hand if Things are driven to extremity your Excellency will consider, how far his Lordships Credit may suffer, after the various assurances of support, & promises of protection he has made me, if it be possible he can be conscious of the Arrest, and if otherwise, how far your Excellency may escape censure, in an affair of so delicate a nature, and which will be sweetly canvass'd both in England & America.

I trust, it will appear that I have acted upon the Credit of my own Bond as uprightly and faithfully as if it was supported by that of the most responsible Securities, and were could any flaw be found in it, I have known Lord B. too long, and have too good an opinion of him to conceive he would take undue advantage of it, or subject a Man, to whom he has once professed a Friendship, to so ignominious a process. I am  
P. I beg you will  
pardon the Paper &  
Pen, being the best I could get.

Sir, your Excellency's most obedient &  
most humble Servant

B. Allen

April 9<sup>th</sup> 1769.