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Sir, Col. Coote in passing through Amassolis left with us some papers preparatory to a complete return and promised to attend the board in a few days to explain every thing that had been done by the Commissioners.

We are sorry now to inform you that he has not been up, and we have to sh. himself and his family have the small pox; this obliges us to request your immediate attendance for a few days; the board are at a loss in several particulars and cannot well proceed to a ~~time~~ final arrangement of the Battalions eight in number without you be pleased therefore to come down as soon as possible.
 Brigadier Gen. Chamberlain & James Haughton We are, Sir, yours &c. J. Ver.

P. S. We congratulate you on the victory obtained by General Washington the particulars of which you will see in the Head Bill enclosed. Mr. Carroll from Congress writes us that General Heath had crossed the North River and retaken Fort Lee & Hoopinsack 130 prisoners and the stores and baggage. We are, Sir, &c.

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Sir, Herewith you will receive the Balance of your account for Row Galley No. 1. likewise an advance of four hundred pounds to go on with No. 2. both of which vessels you must recollect ought by your agreement to have been finished by the 30th of October last - therefore double Diligence is certainly now necessary to forward the other with all Expedition which we hope and trust you will do. We observe a quantity of Rum charged for the Workmen, but think it would be better to ascertain how much is required by or given to each particular. A Captain is appointed to the Galley who will order and direct her in all things &c.

To Mr. Geo. Wells.

We are, Sir, yours &c.

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Sir, The Council of Safety are desirous of contracting, for a quantity of Cordage on behalf of the State - they request you would let them know by a line whether you could furnish Eight or Ten tons of Cordage - in what time you could let them have such a quantity and what would be the price - They want some cables and all sorts of lesser cordages fit for the vessel. We are indeed Sir
 Christopher Lounds Esquire Bladenburg. your most devoted &c.

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Sir, We have many of our soldiers here sick of what we believe to be the Camp Fever. Hearing of your superior skills, particularly in that disorder, we are induced by duty and Humanity to call upon you for your assistance to the distressed sufferers. We wish your attendance directly.
 To Doctor Johnson. We are, Sir, your humble servants &c.