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Mess^{rs} Vernon Hebb & Timothy Bowes

Gentlemen, As there are many Persons bringing Accounts how about the Articles which you had the Management & Sale of, which Accounts, we conceive you to be better acquainted with than we possibly can be - we therefore desire that you will examine adjust & pay all these Accounts out of the Money in your hands & if that should not prove sufficient you are to draw upon us.

March 4th 1777

We are &c

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Genl. Smallwood

Sir Your Favor of the 3^d Instant came to Hand and was immediately laid before the House of Delegates who referred it back to this Board with Directions that we should take such Order therein as we should judge necessary -

We have no Doubt but you have taken such Steps in this Business as you thought most conducive to the general good, and hope you'll soon have it in your Power to leave your Post in such Circumstances as will secure Peace and Quietness in future

You mention your having some Prisoners in Custody and wish to know whether you are to send them up immediately or detain them longer until you can take more Depositions. In Answer to this we can only say that if the Depositions already ^{taken} are conclusive it might be proper to send up the Prisoners, if not you would do well to detain them until you can obtain such Depositions if in your Opinion they can be had within a reasonable Time. You would do well to publish the Proclamation immediately as in our Opinion no decisive Measures can be taken with the Insurgents until the Expiration of the 20 Days therein mentioned, the Arms of all should be instantly taken -

If any of the excepted Persons or others will mix into our Service, you

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