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Dover

Dover 28 April 1813.

Sir,

I have made application to Joseph Bloomfield Esq. Brigadier General commanding the Military district No 4 and to William Duane Esq. Adjutant Genl. of that district for the supply of one thousand Stands of Muskets with the requisite equipments and a supply of ammunition for them, six four pounders for field pieces mounted, with the requisite implements & a supply of ammunition for them and arms for Sixty troopers. I request you to proceed to Philadelphia with my letters to those gentlemen and to receive and provide for the conveyance of such arms and ammunition as may be furnished pursuant to this application.

Five hundred dollars will be passed to your credit in the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware at Dover to defray such expenses as you will incur.

With great respect, I am, Sir,

Your obed.t Serv.t Joseph Haslet

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Rendevous at N Castle May 15th 1813

Yesterday afternoon while at the Battery a Messenger from Town came and informed me there was a Person unknown had arrived in Boat, and that had created great suspicion amongst some of the inhabitants, circumstances & appearances justifying the same I immediately went to Town and proceeded to the Tavern where the Stranger resorted, and found him just set down to dinner, after mutually saluting him, observed if convenient would wish to speak to him in a private apartment, he immediately rose and accompanied me into the parlor, when I observed that being the Commanding Officer of the rendevous, had taken the liberty to make the request, that he being a Stranger in the place, and his mode of conveyance [illegible] had excited the minds of the Citizens very considerably, and if he was the person that had been represented to me, that of an Officer of the U States Army, I had no doubt he be respected credentials, that would satisfy my mind, and that the mind of the people would be at ease, he observed he had no Papers of that description, or any other that could satisfy me on that subject, that he had left all behind, to prevent any difficulty

I observed that he had the navy Button on his west Coat, and I presumed he would not wear even that token, unless he was authorised so to do yes he said he had observed to the men in the Boat with him on their rout, that Vest would injure him, and that he must sink it over board my observations were that I thought it at least prudent that all strangers in those boisterous times particularly Officers in the service of the U S to be possessed at all times with every requisite necessary to pass & repass unmolested in any part of the Union, and in case it should turn out to be as he stated, I presumed he would with cheerfullness submit to any other investigation that would be thought necessary, provided our views and interests were the same with respect to our common Country at which time he beged leave to finish his dinner, I then observed that he had not satisfied my mind, with respect to the suspicions afloat, therefor was not at liberty to depart from the house.—

My next interview was in the dining room in a croud when he appeared to be some what disconcerted from, as I supposed from the members around him, when I approached observed that he might make himself easy on that subject, and would be happy if he did possess any thing that would relieve the minds of the croud, or myself individually would thank him to

show it, he produced some papers containing bills & receipts, but nothing satisfactory, the Pocket Book that he had taken the papers from appeared not to possess the contents at that time, that it had heretofore, so much so, as to impress me my mind with still more suspition, thats its contents had been removed. therefore gave him to understand that I was not satisfied and therefore he could not depart, and placed a Centinel over him as well as the Boat & men that accompanied him. — In the evening I waited upon him to make my own observations found him at Supper with several Gentlemen but did not join in conversation of the table nor direct any discourse to the Gentleman he appeared however to engross the wole of the Conversation it being pretty general upon the subject of seamanship relative to our Navy - rather upon the marvelous. - I still attended manutely to all that passed in that way as well as his observation of men & things, but was not able still to be fully satisfied with respect to the suspicions entertained, whe he in a very jocular way observed Capt. I presume you are fully satisfied I am no spy. - not fully yet Sir but observed from what that passed if the Bat men would obligate themselves on their way down to go on board the Gun Boats with a note directed to Capt. Molier, I should

have no objections to let them proceed, with that the company generally rose; and went to the Bar Room when I followed, in a very short space of time after entering the room he observed to those Present that he had gissed me in to a belief that he was no spie, and had permitted him to go on in the morning.— I felt a little astonised at what had passed in that loose mode of expression and observed that he might be mistaken even on that subject.— why says he I will bring the Pointers before your town and blow it to attoms.— not so easy as you immagine Sir said I, well sir said he, I can go on Board of the Pointers when I pleas and not be disturbed, well sir, I observed its more that I could or any other Officer in the the U States Service would wish to do, under the present circumstances.— why sir said he I have now a Commission in the Brittish service, if I would make use of it, & to convince you that it is so will read you a letter that will satisfy you, with that He produced a letter which he read in my Presence, I believe from Sir Eyre Coot I think at Jamaica, fully justifying his assertion dated I think in 1806, soon after I left him fully impressed with suspicion,— I saw him this morning at his lodging & observed provided he would go to the Gin Bolts on their way down the might Depart, but instead of proceeding on Came down to the battery— C P Bennett

closed the conversation by candidly assuring me, that after having since the Month of May last seen that he was no longer of any use in the Councils of his Sovereign, he had repeatedly asked his Majesty's permission to resign; that not having obtained it, he had determined no longer to administer the higher duties of Chancellor. He had consequently removed from the Hotel of Foreign affairs and would continue now to reside in his own house; and until the desired dispositions were made by the Emperor in relation to him, he would confine himself to the mere ordinary and indispensable parts of his ministry.

I have the honor to be,

respectfully,

Sir,

your most obedt. servt.

Levere Harris.

St. Petersburg
5/17 January 1814.

His Excellency J. A. Bayard
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America &c. &c.

Washington Dec. 23 1811.

Dear Sir

I had the pleasure to receive yesterday the letter you addressed to me on the subject of Mr. Sutton's application to Congress relative to his Patent for Steam boats.

The Bill originally introduced into the Senate by Mr. Giles (and drawn by Chan.r Livingston) was extremely exceptionable. It proposed to confirm rights which were questioned & to give new remedies in the Individual case which had been denied on general principles. The Bill was referred and many features of it changed. I was a member of the Committee & drew the second Bill which is now before the Senate. The second sect. of this Bill is exceptionable & will be struck out. The time of Mr. Suttons Patent will probably be extended, but without conferring any new right or quality upon the Patent. The right of no third person will be in the smallest degree interfered with.

I am with great respect
Your obt. Sert
L. H. Bayard

Mr Aaron Ogden
Elizabeth Town
N.J.