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Dr. James Hall

Dear Sir:

I arrived here the 7th inst., and was informed by Gov. McGill, that my services as Col. Secretary discontinued on the day of my arrival. — Whatever I thought of Gov. McGill's conduct this head, I say nothing. — I enclose to you the copy of the letter addressed to the Board, in reference to my leave of absence, and the continuance of my Salary up to the date of the adoption of the New Constitution. — Gov. McGill says that he cannot allow the difference of my Salary (one month and five days) because he was instructed not to do so by the Board. He is opposed to my filling the Executive in the New Government, which is quite useless, as I informed you, if not mistaken, while in Baltimore, that I did not aspire to that office. He went so far when the U. S. Ship "Dale" visited here, as to say, that I was the only man in the place fit for the office of Governor, but that I was a confirmed drunkard. — This last remark, involves two positions — one in a private way — the other in a public one. Because, in reference to the latter, if the people should appoint a "confirmed drunkard" at their head, it will blast the Colony forever.

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