Sir

I am favoured with yours along with the Commissions — Doctr Buchanan when I told him that you had sent for his Commission asked me what his Pay would be — I answered him that I did not remember exactly but believed it was about 30 or 33 Dollars a Month — He said that he could not nor would not go under fifteen pounds & I told him it would have been proper in him to have known the pay before he asked for the Birth, for that it was not in my power to make it better — After this I was applied to by Mr Thos. Charlton, who is desirous of going out as Surgeon — I informed him how we are circumstanced with Buchanan and therefore refer him to you — Buchanan seemed resolved when I spoke to him not to go unless the pay is fifteen pounds — nor would I wish to force him if we can get another — Mr Charltons abilities I know nothing of but they must be poor if they are not equal to Doctr Buchanan —

you will be so good as to order in this matter, what appears to you the best and oblige Sir

Your Very Obd Servt

Norm. Bowie

9 Janry. 1777

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