consequence - The Court, and several Gentlemen of the Bar approved my Conduct. My reason, in the first instance, for mentioning the Mode of redress, was to prevent the Court being led into a step absolutely illegal (which I am sure would have given them great uneasiness) either thro' ignorance or design.

Then Sir I trust I have stated clearly and to the satisfaction of yourself & the Hon.ble the Council, the Cause of my delaying making Returns to the Treasurer. I have then been particular in the most material Objection made by the Sheriff, which I conceive my duty as an Officer of this State - and consistent with that respect due to the Authority which has a right to call delinquents to account. In this delay I could have no sinister motive - Your honorable Board, will therefore, I doubt not, pronounce my Conduct (tho' strictly speaking, culpable - yet proceeding from a very justifiable Cause). It was not my wish to have the Sheriff clamouring against my Letter, or paying Money improperly - the first could be attended with no advantage to me - the latter - no satisfaction. I wish, at least my public conduct to stand fair. —

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Ex.cy's mo: ob. Serv.t

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