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Sir,

I wrote your Excellency on the 31st last Month, and sent a Copy of this, by Mr. Dowson, and informed your Excellency fully of my Conduct, relative to my Agency, up to that Time. — On the next Day the Earl of Buchan introduced Me to his Brother, Mr. Erskine, a very eminent Counsellor of this Kingdom, to whom I stated the Claim of the State to the Stock, and Mr. Russells Refusals to transfer any part, and for which Reasons, and the Substance of the Bills filed by Russells, against Me, Mr. Grove and the Bank of England. — Mr. Erskine was of Opinion, that the Confiscation of Mr. Russells Property as a British Subject, was no Ground for him to obtain a Decree for Compensation; but if the State for his not complying with the Treaty, and to redress themselves for that Injury, had taken his Property and substituted it in lieu of the Stock to the purpose for which the Stock was pledged, he was of Opinion, that so far the Chancery Court would permit Mr. Russells to retain. — He advised Me to appear and put in a full Answer to the Bills. — On the 5th of this Month I wrote to Mr. Grove, and requested to see him on the Subject of Mr. Russells Bills; and on the 6th I went to Mr. Groves House, by his Appointment, and informed him, that I came to converse

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