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Ph.a March 4th 1782

I did myself the pleasure of writing a few lines
to you by last post, & inclosed a letter to Mr Mallahon —
when he left this city, he informed me that from the considerable
loans he had made to the Maryland Delegates out of and
out of the proceeds of the State Tobacco he found himself
in such a situation that he could not return without some
assistance, and I agreed to enter into a note with him for £167 —
payable in 30 days to a Merch.t upon his promise to remit
the money from Baltimore or Annapolis at farthest, and
his engagement — on his honor that the note should
not be discounted at the Bank — I have been exceedingly
mortified in not hearing from him, and more so in being
informed this evening that the Merch.t to whom the note
was given had discounted it at the Bank, & to morrow
or next day I shall be called upon to discharge it; The
Consequence of a failure on my part will be that my note
with my name to it will in future meet with a Credit
there — This will take the £100 Mr Morris is directed
to pay me every shilling I can raise, so that I shall
remain without a farthing to pay my board, and immediate
urgent demands upon me — I am only sorry that the
principal subject of my letter should be on this disagreeable
topick, but I am now reduced to the necessity of entreating
you to have something done to relieve me — As the
Mr Mallahon has accounted to you for £395.12.4 by
my receipt on my paying the £167 on his acct, there will be
a balance that sum coming to me for last year payable on 1st 8br
which I wish the State
Council would lay in his hands, if they can immediately
supply me with an order here for the amt, or that
you will send this letter with a few lines to Major
Lenox who writes to me that he was to return
for St Marys, that he may do the needful with
Mallahon — at any rate under these circumstances Yr Excellency