James Russell Esq.
23d May 1785.

Dear Sir

London 23 May 1785

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I am duly favoured with yours 18 Instt and return you my sincere thanks for your kind advice and assistance to Mr Coll's in assisting him in my affairs with your State by the last act a Copy of which was forwarded to me your assembly seem to have no desire to compensate me for my Estate they confiscated and sold either by payment out of the Bank Stock or by refunding me the Value of my property by any other Act, as you are wel acquainted with my present situation you must be very sensible that its not in my power to accommodate you with the £3000 you want and till your State relieves their Cr by doing justice to their former Cr I cannot with any propriety ask any man here to lend his money tho I know the security you propose to be very unexceptionable, ~~I shall~~ I see by the last Act have a tedious disagreeable law Suit to go thro which in my present infirm State will be very disagreeable and expensive I spoke to Mr Mallison

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