

Sir

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It is with regret & reluctance that I give you
the trouble of considering my Petition to ^{the} Assembly
about an allowance for the year past. That I thought
I should only require a demand & would be immediately
granted - it is true in my letter to you I considered the
case as if granted for this year because that I thought they
would as there had been no opportunity to make
grants for the present year they would continue the last
at the sense of the ~~people~~ ^{Assembly} their Constituents many
of whom thought the last allowance was too small
but ^{to} offer not a seventh part of that which had been the too
scanty an encouragement for the service is far from being generous
that it is not justice, I submit it to your better judgment about
the time of moving for a reconsideration as well as the arguments
to be used but only Pray it may not be finally omitted
it seems to me there will be no need of a new Petition

Petition for it's plain from that exhibited what was desired
and I am afraid it would be a reason with some for denying it
altogether I suggested in the last that depending on this
Settlement I threw off all other business & that being the
case must it not be a hard case ^{not only} to be divested of all Employment
but to be denied the Pittance which had been given as an
award for the serving the Public if it was at liberty to reason
about the former would it ^{be} appear to the Publick that alway
the Motive, if that had been the Case it would appear by ^{the} superior
Skill in the Business to be done with ~~what~~ which my Successors
^{were} furnished but I believe that would not be that to be the case upon
a fair Examination on the whole I submit the Conduct to your
of this matter to you & shall Endeavour ^{to} ~~to~~ acquire in the
Event and remain your friend & obliged Humble Servant

William Parker

P.S. your Complaint of a Disability
to write seems to be only accidental
for by reason of the extreme heat I seem
to feel the same Inconvenience
Yours at Supra

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