

Hon^{ble} Gen^l Wm

Albion 7th march 1782.
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By information rec^d from
the bearer Mr Piner, I expected to have had the
pleasure of Mr J. Blanchard's company at my
house last evening, that we might have
proceeded to look in order to settle some public
accounts, which might have facilitated
the settlement of Mr Piner's account against
the State; but being disappointed, must
beg leave to observe with respect to Mr Piner
his acc^t — That he early attempted
to aid in detecting those persons who had
been concerned in counterfeiting, or passing
counterfeit money; in doing of which
he hath been obliged at great vigour & fatigue
to encounter many difficulties, and by
his assiduity, ^{he hath} rendered real service to his
Country in general, & this State in particular
— That he hath ever appeared, to me, to be
honest & faithful in transacting the matters
committed to his charge —

I have viewed Mr Piner's account
and with Mr Blanchard's concurrence should
have attempted the settlement of it — But
most of the services & expenditures mentioned
in the account were done in consequence
of advice & direction of the Committee
of Safety, from time to time, and
not

and not by the immediate direction of Mr Blandish
Longest, more especially the first part of it?
account. ~ Therefore adjudged it necessary
that the account should be settled by the Hon^{ble}
Com^{tee} of Safety, or in pursuance of their advice-
ment ~

With sentiments of Esteem ~
I have the Hon^{or} to be Gen^lman
Yours most obed^t, and
very Respectful Serv^t
Nathl Seabody

Hon^{ble} Com^{tee} of Safety