

Sir

Dunfield 27th July 1782.

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I presume that it will be unnecessary to tell you that I was equally surprised as disappointed that you should give an order to me to remove cattle at a place that you had none, and to expect that I should ^{be} satisfied with a bare order, without ever enquiring after its contents;— Upon application to Esquire Blood he informed me that you had ordered all the Oxen in his possession to be taken previous to the signing of my order. It was consequently putting me to an unnecessary expense without even a prospect of success, which expense I think it but just that the State should allow, and should be glad that another Hogs head of rum or some other equivalent might be given for the Oxen that I was as disappointed of:—

I now send my son to attempt a settlement with you a second time, hope he will not be disappointed as before, but that you will enable

him

him to execute his business with despatch.

I am indebted to Capt. Stephen Herriman
alias the State
Twenty One hundred million Dollars by note
given in July last, and have some ~~due to~~
demands on the estates of Wm Stark, and John
Stinson Junr: absentees, which demands are lodged
with the judge of probate - after the settlement
of such demands what remains due to the State
on acc^t: of said note given to said Herriman,
shall be allowed from the depreciation notes
in which I expect to receive by the return of
my son -

I am Sir your most Obedient &
very Humble servant

John Stark

The Honble Trustees Whereof
Presid^t: of the Committee of Safety }