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Sir

Since I had the honour of waiting on the Committee I have fully weighed the subject of the conference then had —

The disposition that appeared in that respectable Body to procure a redress of past and guard me against future injuries, has determined ~~me~~ me to give an affirmative answer to the Question then agitated. — I shall therefore prepare for the journey immediately and in order thereto sh^d be glad to be furnished with a little money from the Treasury

The sum necessary I cannot fully ascertain but think it cannot be less than was formerly advanced Your Delegates, in proportion to the rise of things in general, which is from six to ten fold. if my memory does not deceive me the sum advanced Col: Bartlett when

he first went to Congress was £140 an equal
sum was advanced Col: Thornton when he
went, after mentioning the sums advanced
those gentlemen you will excuse my
omitting to mention the advance made me
as the recollection of that circumstance
affords no very agreeable sensations.
Whatever sum is advanced I wish may be
sent by the first convenient opportunity
I have the Honour of being with
every sentiment of Respect

Yr Your most ob^t
& very Hum^l Serv

Wm Whipple

Hon^l Col: Gilman