

some Statute and on the same principle, that the Statute which gives the Authority must be rigidly pursued. Therefore in your Case if the Act or ord^{ce} makes no special provision for Costs none can be adjudged. In hazarding this Statement of the Law I am possibly committing an Impropriety should I have misconstrued your letter and you prove a party in lieu of the Justice in the business, for the appeal in all such Cases goes to the *K B.* so that in Justice to me if you are y^e party You will pay the Costs and let the business sleep.

I hear that some new regulation is adopted respect^s the Grant of Lands and that the Boards are *congediee* We hear also of a proclamation for restraint of Sale of Rum to Indians in the Indⁿ Country. I presume it looks to the Miamies and is the repetition of an old Scheme of Monopoly in which the Legislators are Tools to ye better informed

M^r Hamiltons family were well yesterday; tho' we are neighbours the bad Roads keep [the] Ladies at home. M^{rs} P. has been confined [to] her room for some time past by the birth of a Son. She desires to assure M^{rs} & Miss Askin of her very sincere regards in which she is joined by

Dear sir! Your very Obed^t and humble serv^t

W^m Dummer Powell

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