

serve you as ever. I wish Cap^t Ernest may be induced to purchase your property & ours adjoining the Common as I have many reasons to wish to realize all I can as my situation occasioned by my late Nephew is verry unpleasant & not Likely soon to be otherwise. I wish you had sent a Bill on Philad^a for the money received for the House this is the Time all matters here must be settled for the year. in sending a Statement of And^w Todds affairs I have valued the property in your hands taken from Hands at £350—this Curr^{cy} Let me know if I am right I hope youll endeavour to get my payment from Gratier M^r Swan tells me he Left with M^r Morrison a Letter for you enclosing his Note on which you are to endorse two thousands Livers received this day from Forsyth Richardson & C^o I observe what you say in your Private Letter M^r Robertson & I are both of opinion it would be improper to apply at present you know there is but 5 executive Coun[s]jellors recives sallirys the other supernumery ones will expect to get this when a vacancy happens & to be a Coun[s]jellor withot pay would, not answer you. Gen^l Hunter will be at York most of the Summer & if in my power I will goe there if any thing then could be pointed out Wherein he could with propriety serve you my Interest will not be wanting and you probably may be able to accompany the Commod^r there in hopes of hearing from you soon and as we are all now verry buisey have only to assure you of my being

Ever Your Sincere & affet^e friend

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TROUBLES OF WILLIAM HARFFY

My D^r Sir I really am a shabby Fellow—long 'ere long so "that is the Text."

Your letters generally come almost together. Some of mine to [you] I think from your last, must have taken a long North-West passage. In some former ones I mention'd