

Gentlemen

Philad. 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1788.

This morning a Petition from a certain Benjamin Moore, late a collector, now confined in Dauphine County Goal, for considerable deficiencies in the payment of his (Collection of) Taxes, was presented - praying the House to provide means for having him discharged from his Confinement. - As this business - provided the prayer of the Petition is granted, will considerably affect the County of Lancaster - in as much, as it will (by an existing Law) oblige the County to make up the deficiency to the State - I have ~~therefore~~ thought it expedient, to write to you on the subject, and to request you will give me an actual Statement of the business, in order that I may be enabled in the first stages thereof (in y. house) to give it the necessary opposition.

It will be absolutely ~~requeste~~ requisite - that I should be officially informed - on the following heads - whether the Treasurer of the County took means to prosecute him for the deficiency - whether Bail was given for the payment of the Money - whether the Bail was special - whether the Delinquent is new in Arrest, at the Suit of the Commonwealth, or whether on the first of the Bail. -

If there should appear to you any other material matters, necessary for my information - you will not commit it.

No time must be lost in forwarding this information) as our session will be short - and I wish the business to arrive its feet, before ~~the~~ we rise.

I am informed this is the Man, who to shew himself of his Delinquency - that his Horse - and gave out, he had been on his way to the Treasury, attacked by highwaymen (and robbed of his money. - Do give me some Account of this story when you write.

I am Gent<sup>l</sup>. Your Obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>

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