

Postsmouth May 21. 1782

Gent,ⁿ I this day received a letter from the President of the State requesting me to appear before your honors to be questioned touching a Road through my Island to Fort Washington. but my dejectedness of spirits at presents prevents my waiting on you, for which I pray your excuse.

I really thought when your Committee allowed me the liberty of pasturing that part of the Island which was not inclosed by Fort walls, it was to be as long as you kept a Road through mine, and when one ceased, the other ceased also.

I never looked upon it as a full compensation for the damage done me in consequence of the Peoples passing & repassing but set down quietly, because I was willing to suffer with other People in such times of distress. They have now two Roads which together destroys near as much grass ground as the whole of the Island you granted me. As to Capt. Satters saying the creatures tore down the walls, appears to me to be idle for, why should those I put there be more liable to do so, than those he now puts there himself. Every Commander before your appointment of Capt. Satter this Year. thought, and that upon the seal of

of equity too, that I was hard death by, therefore gave
me no trouble; but their characters was that of Gentle-
men. You must be sensible that if you take my hand
from me, I must be paid for it, and that the pay I require
can be no profit to the State, as you do not want a small
pasture in this Town, more especially when the expence
that will attend it, will be to keep up a bridge, and as I
said before buy a Road. I would not wish to dictate,
but in my opinion it would be much better, considering
the Bridge in its present ^{situation}, to have it intirely destroyed or
taken away - and make use of the State Barges to go
backward and forward, it must be so too & from new
Castle, she is now in good repair, doing no more than the
~~the~~ Soldiers, Viz. nothing that I know of, I hope a short
time will bring about a peace, when a Corporals Comm^d
will be sufficient, and do as much service and honor to
the State as ———— Being well assured that your
dispositions are to administer equal Justice to all, and
to do no wrong, I desire you to be well assured, that you
will do by me, as you would wish to have done were you
in my Circumstances — I have leased my Island to
a worthy Citizen (Capt. Nichols) with all the privileges
appertaining therunto, in which your Island is Consi-
dered should not be so earnestly to have it, but if that

that must cease my leave must be at an end, I could
wish that Capt. Satter was in private life, and not
be so often troubling people, who are pursuing their
own business, I rest the matter entirely to You
and have the Honor to be with much Esteem

Your most Hum^l Serv^t

George Janovin

Hon^l. Committee of Safety

Capt Geo. Janvrin
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