

from Rhodes - am sorry to say the poor man is in as much real distress, as any person I ever knew - he is in the same predicament with every one of us, who had dependence on the Commissioners Chest, not a farthing has been paid from them for nigh one year & half. I do believe there is not one individual whose principal support was from that fund, but has felt the stopages more than I can describe. but as there is money expected every moment from New York, it is possible he may then pay a part of the debt, and if you will give me directions, I will find out Sheafe, and send him the Notes, it is possible he may be more successful than I have been. tho' I must own, when I saw ^{Rhodes} ~~him~~ last, he told me such a pitious tale of his distresses, that it made me exceeding unhappy - he has been confined with the Gout almost the whole time he has been in England. - I did not give Sheafe quite your balance there is a trifling sum still due - I paid him fourteen pounds. Rob. Parker, soon after I came to England presented me with a small Account of yours. I do not at present recollect the exact sum ^{but}

but think it was about 30 or 40^s. which I discharged - he importuned me much, before I paid it - I wrote you in the time of it. but you never took the least Notice of it - you mention having had an Interview with your father. I am sure it must have made you both exceeding happy - I wrote him some time ago. when I wrote him do mention it, and give my most affectionate regards to all your family - I have been in this place eight Months how much longer it will be my residence I cannot tell, for unless our Chest is replenished soon, I must go into Wales or somewhere else. - I got some friends to apply to Col. Dabrymple, and was in hopes I should have been able to have gone to New York with him - but he gave me no encouragement, and I can assure you I wanted but very little to embark - he said he had nothing worth my acceptance, but I believe if I had been in London at the time, I should have stood a good chance of going out with him - I have inclosed you some letters for Boston - I will be exceedingly ^{obliged}