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1881 July 19th to 20th
James Wood
at Reading

Sir

Your Invoice of the 7th Inst. has been
 laid before the Council with Mr. Justice Innes. This it
 may happen that the said some Persons are entitled in
 Equity to the land on which it was proposed to build the
 Prison. The Council of it may be inconvenient perhaps
 to put before the Council concern this to
 be one of these Cases in which the Views of the Individuals
 must give way to the publick Interest of the City as
 to the first Order of Building them I with their Deputies
 Inst. That if any other Land is ^{as} convenient for the
 as Mr. Justice we ~~can~~ would not propose it to be
 but we can rather if of them are any Lands of dispossessed
 Persons convenient ~~with~~ rather give them the Preference
 kindly that in any Case the Wood be appraised by Persons
 appointed by the Council of D. Merton who upon both sides
 estimate the Damage which the State will compensate.
 On these Terms therefore we would have them proceed to

erect their Huts. Upon full Consideration of the Matter
of the best Advice we can give here we think there are
many reasons of great Objection to getting up the old
Halls. That of transporting Wood is a very weighty one

⊕ We have been informed there are Orders the
Town at Reading got for the Repair but if there is a
Mistake we could have a Return made out of some
time when we will fall in for more for this ob-
tain them - With Respect to a Superintendent
we really ~~should apprehend~~ do not understand the Ap-
pointment of him that for Method may be adopted
to save the Expense at a time when Money is so
scarce with so much difficulty - It cannot be that
We understand Major Baily to have the general Di-
rection of Care of the Prison, if so we should suppose
nothing more was meant than a set of Carpenters or
Masons (Carpenters or other trustworthy Persons to

overlook them if it will be had among the Number of Persons
 who are desiring Subscriptions from the publick the Di. State
 cannot spare one Person for such a Business which is
 only temporary. It is the proper Duty of the Dealer Marks
 Departments for which they receive the Pay of Instruments
 of Office if we make no Doubt in proper Reason they
 will both find the Sorts of take the Receipts of them
 With as far as may be necessary

I am Sir Your Obedt. Servant

Col. James Moody

P.S. We have finally determined to adhere to the
 original Plan of stating the Proceedings by the Govern-
 ment at York & Reading - the Unconditional Surrender
 at Lancaster - And request you would be pleased
 to make all necessary Arrangements accordingly