

Lancaster July 22 1782  
from J<sup>r</sup> Taylor

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Sir

In a Memorial dated 11<sup>th</sup> Ins.<sup>t</sup> forwarded to you by Wm Henry Esq., I had the honor to lay before you, a candid state of the circumstances relative to the seizure of some supplies (under my charge), for the use of British Prisoners of War here -

At that time I flattered myself the things seized, & in particular the wine (which is every day more & more wanted, would have been given up before this time - your order of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. for the seizure of my books & papers convinced me of my mistake, & confirms me in the belief, that your Ex<sup>ty</sup> & the honorable Council have been imposed upon by malicious & false informations; founded perhaps on resentment, at my refusing to sell

any article to an inhabitant, tho' they solicited  
in various ways, to do otherwise.

Mr Henry has possession of my Books  
& papers, & I flatter myself he will find they  
correspond with what I have said & that being  
the case I trust your Ex<sup>ty</sup> & the hon<sup>ble</sup> Council  
will without loss of time be pleased to order  
the good sum to be given up & my papers  
restored, that I may return to New York

With the greatest respect I have the honor  
to be

Your Excellency's  
Most obt. & very humble  
Servant

John Taylor

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