

Pennsylvania ss.

To the Proprietors Com^{rs} to be considered if they find it worthy they^r notice

These is presented to yo^r consideration in order to prevent a just cause of resection upon myself for my remissness in acquainting you in time of what I think I ought to be allowed under the considerations under the considerations here in presented when Gover^r Penn came one shore, before there was either house or shed built in Philadelphia I met him at w^hich time I became first acquainted with him and soon after he was pleased to order me into an employ the w^hich I have bin^e continous during the Life of the then Survey^r Generall and sufered very much hardstrips, and very smal profit yeat never covited the least value from any man directly or indirectly but the bare feesse allowed me, I also seved the proprietor upon all occasions when ever he was pleased to command without grudging or demanding the least value for any servise done him. Ever since the time afores^d allways looking upon myself under adubb obligation to answer his favors ~~as he~~^{to} me so freely without the least petitioning for it, by my faithfullness to him in my station and leaving the charge of my servise to him and his one proper acct to his will pleasure, not demanding or yeat receveing the value of one peire for the same nor yeat do demande but the benefit of his favors continued and such other advantage as he hath bin pleased of his one free will to grant me the w^hich is well known to one of yo^r selves and as to my afections so fare as I have bin concerned in the employ they are publik and in yo^r power to examine if you please and if you find them not worthy yo^r notice you are the more excuseable in excluding me from the benefit of the Governors favors continued if otherwise you do not find that I have forgotten the same by misbehaviour. I hope you will find cause in justice I ought to have the benefit Expected as afores^d and (obl.) further I do acquaint you that if think me not worthy of the whole, as I have had it since the Governor came in last and continued the same until he was here you may be pleased to dispose of it all for I have considered that it will not be of value to me, nor answer my loss of time to defend it: I thought it my duty considering yo^r station & power to recommend it to you & leave the w^hole to yo^r consideration not doubting but you will do me Justice therein w^ho ready to answer and serve you on the the Governors acct at command, and yo^r selves as yo^r friend.

22^d 11 mo 1701.

David Powell.

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of February, 1833, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this

fourteenth day of August 1911.

Henry Houck
Secretary of Internal Affairs.