

This day marked the Perfidy of Mr. Morris in the most glaring Colors, notwithstanding his engagement entered into at the City Tavern notwithstanding his promise repeated in Many companies afterwards, he openly voted against the Susquehan(nah) King(.) Schyler and all the New England Men except Doctor Johnson Voted against it. Mr. Morris's Vote alone would have fixed Us on the Susquehannah for ever. The affair has taken the very turn I predicted, our ruin is plotted contrived and carried on by Mr. Morris—in conjunction with the (New) Yorkers— I gave an Account of the Center of Population being in Pennsylvania, the Center of Wealth, and geographical center, Went at large into all the detail of the Potowmack and the Susquehannah, When the Potowmack was voted for, I was long on my legs, or I should say my Knees and they grew weary. We easily threw out the Potowmack— but I well knew all this was in vain— I will put in my rough notes in my book<sup>25</sup>— this Whole Morning and for an hour after the Senate Met, the York Senators and Representatives were in the Committee room, and Mr. Morris running backwards & forwards like a Boy, taking out one Senator after another to them. & Adams delaying business for them. No business was ever treated, with more barefaced partiality. Mr. Morris moved, that the Words on the at some convenient place on the Banks of the Susquehannah &ca. should be struck out, and that it might remain a blank, for any Gentleman that pleased to name a place. I objected to this as unfair, for by this Means the Banks of the Susquehannah would be thrown out, When in fact that place might, have more friends than any other individual place. for all those Who wished a different place, would unite in this Vote however different their Views might otherwise be, and thus the place rejected in the first instance would be laid under a unfavourable impression. That I saw no reason to deviate from the Common mode, Which had always been. to move to strike out certain Words in Order to insert certain other Words, and thus Men would plainly see their way clear, and the intention of the Mover, Mr. Adams answered me from the Chair, said it was all fair. it was in Vain to argue, the question was put, and seven only rose. Up got Mr. Morris said the Question was not understood. Vid. annex'd rough Paper and began his explanations. {Mr. Morris Said he had often wished to explain himself on the Subject of the Residence but was always prevented. That Pennsylvania, was averse to the Susquehannah and would give 100,000. dollars to place it at Germantown. I rose to the point of Order declared, declared that no motion or application for reconsideration could be received from a Member in the Minority. quoted parliamentary practice, and appealed to the Chair. Mr. Adams now made One of his Speeches, unfortunately it seems none of our Rules at the time reached the point, new Matter had been alledged in Argument &ca. it was in vain that I alledged, that no business ever could have a decision, if Minority Members, were permitted to move reconsiderations, Under every pretense of new Argument. Adams gave it against me, Mr. Morris now Assumed a bolder tone flamed away in favor of Germantown repeated his offers in the name of the State &ca. I declared I

considered myself to enjoy the Confidence of Pennsylvania in as unlimited a Manner as my Honorable Colleague, that I firmly believed the General Sense of the State, was more in favour of the Susquehannah than Germantown, and that if Money was to be given, the Susquehannah was most likely to obtain it. I however deny'd that any M State Money was appropriated to any such purpose, and called on my Colleague to produce the Authority on Which he made the offer. He now came forward the Great Man & the Mercht. and pledged himself that if the State would not He would find the Money. a Vacant Stare, on this, seemed to occupy the faces of the Senate. But [lined out] the New England Men helped him out. It was proposed that the Validity of the law should depend on the payment of the money & that a clause for this purpose should be now inserted in the Bill. And to work some of them went in fabricating such a clause. Mr. Morris had not Yet been regularly seconded. but I began to see, When it was too late, that I had committed a Mistake in not appealing to the House from the Decision of the Chair—} Basset got up and recanted, said he had not understood the Question, this is usual with him. (This Man has repeatedly of his own Accord told me that the Susquehannah was the only proper place) It was in vain that we Urged that the question was fairly put, a Reconsideration was called for. there is really such a thing as Worrying weak or indifferent Men into a Vote. Urging that the Matter had not been sufficiently explained understood, &ea: how fair and inoffensive the Measure &ca. all these Arts were plaid off, with the utmost address upon this Occasion, and with the weight of John Adams Succeeded. it was reconsidered and it voted for this fair and inoffensive Measure, in a moment by way of fixing them, against the Susquehannah, altho' it was still called up out we will take a Vote on the Susquehannah, the Yeas and Nays were called. and now Grayson and Lee moved for the Potowmack. (note they had moved for striking out the Word Pennsylvania, so as to leave the Whole banks of the Susquehannah open, and lost it) now was a lengthy debate in which I supported the Susquehannah. but it is too lengthy much to insert what I said. the annexed papers were the basis of it.<sup>26</sup> the Potowmack lost it, and the Blank now remained. Mr. Butler now rose and Moved to fill the blank with the Words banks of Susquehannah &ca. the same Words which had been struck out. I seconded the Motion. up got Mr. Morris and opposed this with warmth, he allowed That there might be a question taken on the Susquehannah But he had [lined out] would have a Vote taken on his plan first. Butler insisted that as his Motion was fairly before the House and seconded. it must be disposed of, Morris reply'd without any reason on his side indeed, but he had no need of reason when he had in this Votes enough at hand, King got up and said he had no objection into the Business—Grayson rose in opposition—Opinion of the President—.7 for it—lost—quote the Governor of the Western Territory, and Mr. Brown—in favor of the Susquehannah—relative Quantity of Navigation—40 miles a day Grayson says has been poled against the Stream—

Butler moved to replace the Words struck out I, seconded—never entered into any combination never tried to get Votes out of Doors—

Mr. Morris moved to postpone our motion to bring forward Germantown—seconded by Reed. Division—the Ayes have it. President against it. New York or Philada. the proper place—said Mr. Morris—Speak strongly—Kensington<sup>32</sup> extolled—the soil &ca. well spoken of—and Justly—would not give reasons for fixing on the Susquehannah—because it was a secondary spot—Butler opposed Mr. Morris—complained of the uncentral Position of Philada. Read attended called on & delivered Mr. Morris—a Paper—Elsworth gone from Us—and we shall loose it—interrupted by President—Center in Pennsylvania—Elsworth decide(d)ly for Germantown—Carrol against Mr. Morris—certain of a Separation if it is fixed at Philada. Dalton for Philada. extolls the eastern Country, Main,<sup>33</sup> Grows like the Kentucky<sup>34</sup>—Grayson, cannot consider the Proposal of Germantown as serious—Mr. Morris, in answer to Carrol, Philada. will draw the Trade to Philada. in spite of the efforts to clear the Susquehannah—confines the offer to the Money now, but hopes the land will also be given—Chester & Bucks<sup>35</sup>—King has amended Mr. Morris Resolution—

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